



PMc E-Newsletter

July 2011

16th Annual International Metropolis Conference

This year the **International Metropolis Conference** will take place in the city of Ponta Delgada, Azores Islands, from 12 to 16 September 2011. For more information please visit the conference website:

<http://www.metropolis2011.org/>

PMc Regional Conference

The Prairie Metropolis Centre regional conference **Prairie Metropolis and Beyond** will be held on November 4 and 5, 2011 in Edmonton to celebrate the 16 years of the Metropolis Project. This regional conference will be in lieu of research symposia in Winnipeg, Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, and Edmonton.

PMc 2011-2012 Research Grants

The PMc Adjudication Committee and Board of Directors awarded seven PMc Research Grants in March 2011:

Dr. Laurie Carlson Berg from the University of Regina was awarded a grant for her research project entitled, *Enhancing Inclusion through Critical Dialogue with Students*.

Dr. Paulin Mulatris from the University of Alberta was awarded a grant for his research project entitled, *La conservation de la mémoire des nouvelles communautés immigrants: le cas de Congolais dans la région d'Edmonton (de 1980 à 2010)*.

Dr. Kimberly Noels from the University of Alberta was awarded a grant for her research project entitled, *Language and Ethnic Identity: A Longitudinal Examination of the Linguistic and Psychological Acculturation of Immigrants to Canada*.

Dr. Miriam Stewart from the University of Alberta was awarded a grant for her research project entitled, *Social Support Program for African Refugee Parents of Canadian Born Children*.

Dr. Bejoy Thomas from the University of Calgary was awarded a grant for his research project entitled, *Health Literacy and Perceived Health Status of Visible Minority Immigrants in Calgary*.

Dr. Christine Walsh from the University of Calgary was awarded a grant for her research project entitled, *Uncovering Invisibility(ies): Understanding Experiences of Newcomer Woman across the Homeless Spectrum in Calgary*.

Dr. Richard Wanner from the University of Calgary was awarded a grant for his research project entitled, *The Determinants of Immigrants' Choice of Destination in Canada: Ethnic Affinity, Economic Opportunity, and Entry Class*.

Review Paper of Immigrants and Labour Market Performance

We are pleased to announce that the review paper **A Profile of Economic and Labour Market Integration among Immigrants in Canada** by Lorie Wilkinson and Jill Bucklaschuk is available on our website. This paper reports findings from immigration-related studies using Statistics Canada data available in the RDC database, with particular relevance to the Economic and Labour Market Domain of the National Metropolis Project in Canada. To access the paper please click on the link below:

<http://www.pmc.metropolis.net>

PMc 2011-2012 Graduate Student Award

PMc awarded two students with the *Fariborz Birdjardian Graduate Student Award* for the Winter 2011 Competition.

Ms. Anooshka Aghakhani from the University of Alberta was awarded a graduate student grant for her project entitled, *Skilled Worker Immigrants' Pre-Migration Occupation Re-Entry Experiences in Canada*.

Ms. Scarlett from the University of Saskatchewan was awarded a grant for her project entitled, *Insight into the Food Culture Issues Surrounding Karen and Burmese Refugees in Saskatchewan*.

PMc Annual Report

PMc has completed the **15th Annual Progress Report**. To read this report please visit the PMc website:

<http://www.pmc.metropolis.net>

Media Interviews

Tracey Derwing, PMc Co-Director, was interviewed by Whitney Deane, host for the talk show radio station CHQR Radio in Calgary, on July 18th, 2011. Tracey was asked to comment on the subject "Moving away from temporary workers and concentration on immigration as a way of dealing with some of the manpower issues in Alberta" raised by the Alberta Employment & Immigration Minister, Thomas Lukaszuk. Tracey also appeared on Alberta Primetime on July 27th, 2011 with Minister Lukaszuk to respond to comments made by CIC Minister Jason Kenney regarding the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.