

IJTMB WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Effective March 1, 2012, Antony Porcino, PhD (cand.), assumed the position of Executive Editor of the *International Journal of Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork*. Antony's affiliation with the IJTMB has included his membership on the Massage Therapy Foundation's e-Journal Committee, his role as a contributing author to the journal, and his service as a member of the IJTMB's Manuscript Review Board. He currently serves as Project Director at CAMEO (Complementary Medicine Education and Outcomes Program), a joint University of British Columbia School of Nursing and BC Cancer Agency research project that provides complementary medicine education and knowledge translation for patients, their support persons, and health care providers at the BC Cancer Agency. Antony's multifaceted academic and professional background in the manual therapy sciences bodes well for the current and future goals of the IJTMB. Welcome aboard!

Also effective on March 1, 2012, Glenn M. Hymel, EdD, LMT, transitioned to the IJTMB positions of Senior Consulting Editor and Emeritus Founding Executive Editor. Glenn extends a heartfelt thanks to all concerned for the past opportunities to serve the massage and bodywork professions via this journal, and enthusiastically embraces the IJTMB's current and future challenges as this publication continues to advance.

CALENDAR OF RECENTLY-COMPLETED & FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

2011 AMTA National Convention (Post-Convention Listing)

October 19 – 22, 2011; Portland, OR

Several of the continuing education options offered at the 2011 AMTA National Convention represented the Research Track coordinated with the Massage Therapy Foundation. Included among these research-specific CE options were the following sessions (presenters indicated parenthetically): "Massage Efficacy—Mayo Clinic Research and Results" (Brent Bauer, MD); "Research Posters: How To Make Them, Read Them, and Use Them" (Kim Goral-Stevenson); "Massage Therapy Research in Hospital Settings, with Massage Therapy Foundation Case Report Contest Winners" (Brent Bauer, MD; Rosemary Chuncu; Dale Healey; Allison Mitchinson); "Fascia—What Do We Know and What Do We Notice" (Thomas Findley, MD, PhD). In addition to the CE options, AMTA-sponsored posters—with assistance from the Massage Therapy Foundation—were also displayed. The Foundation's post-convention workshop was titled "Integral Anatomy Intensive" and presented by Gil Hedley, PhD.

For further follow-up information and inquiries, please contact info@massagefoundation.org.

Third International Fascia Research Congress

March 28 – 30, 2012; Vancouver, BC, Canada

The 2012 Fascia Congress will, as always, center on the latest and best research on the human fasciae. Additionally—and recognizing the interests of clinicians in gaining insights that will bear on practical applications—the program will be designed to include more presentation time to relating the research findings to clinical issues, particularly the practical applications of fascial layers. Principal sponsors and academic supporters of the Congress are as follows: Hosting Sponsor—Massage Therapists' Association of British Columbia (MTABC); Gold Sponsor—Ida P. Rolf Research Foundation; Publishing Sponsor—Elsevier Publishing, *Journal of Bodywork and Movement Therapies*; Silver Sponsors—Massage Therapy Foundation and Dr. Rogers Prize; Academic Supporters—American Academy of Osteopathy, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Ulm University, University of New England, & University of Westminster—School of Life Sciences. For a complete list of sponsors, [click here](#). For a complete list of supporting organizations, [click here](#).

For further preliminary information, please visit <http://www.fasciacongress.org/2012/>. For those interested in advanced preparation for this Third International Fascia Research Congress, the program books and DVDs from the previous two fascia congresses can be ordered at <http://www.fasciacongress.org/2009/dvd-book-purchase-pub.htm>.

2012 International Research Congress on Integrative Medicine & Health

May 15 – 18, 2012; Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront; Portland, OR

This meeting is sponsored by the Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine (CAHCIM), and it also serves as the 7th International Congress on Complementary Medicine Research.

For further information, please visit www.imconsortium-conference.org.

2012 AMTA National Convention

October 3 – 6, 2012; Raleigh, NC

Details regarding AMTA's 2012 National Convention will be available around April 1, 2012.

2013 International Massage Therapy Research Conference— Presented by the Massage Therapy Foundation

April 25 – 27, 2013; Seaport Hotel and World Trade Center; Boston MA

The deadline for abstract submissions by prospective conference presenters is September 15, 2012. The

Call for Abstracts, inclusive of a submission template, is available as hyperlinked.

For further information pertaining to conference objectives and registration, please visit <http://www.massagetherapyfoundation.org/massage-research/research-conference/>.

NCCAM/NIH NEWS & GRANT APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

NCCAM-Funded/Administered Research/ Training Grants for FY 2011

This table lists research and training grants funded or administered by NCCAM through Fiscal Year 2011. The results include both new and ongoing research, and projects titles link to abstracts. Also included are the archived research awards charts by fiscal year.

Use of CAM in the United States

Approximately 38 percent of adults in the United States aged 18 years and over and nearly 12 percent of U.S. children aged 17 years and under use some form of CAM, according to the 2007 National Health Interview survey released in December 2008. This survey marks the first time questions were included on children's use of CAM. http://nccam.nih.gov/news/camstats/2007/camsurvey_fs1.htm.

Biology of Manual Therapies (R21)

Program Number: 87574

Sponsor: NCCAM

Synopsis: The sponsor invites applications that propose to investigate the basic science and mechanisms of action underlying the biomechanical, immunological, endocrinological and/or neurophysiological consequences of manual therapies, such as spinal manipulation, mobilization and massage therapy. This program will use the NIH Exploratory/Developmental (R21) grant mechanism. <S2S>

Deadlines: 01/07/2011, 02/16/2011, 05/07/2011, 06/16/2011, 09/07/2011, 10/16/2011, . . . , 01/07/2014. This program will expire on 01/08/2014.

Program URL: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-210.html>.

Biology of Manual Therapies (R01)

Program Number: 93621

Sponsor: NCCAM

Synopsis: The sponsor invites applications that propose to investigate the basic science and mechanisms of action underlying the biomechanical, immunological, endocrinological, and/or neurophysiological consequences of manual therapies, such as spinal manipulation, mobilization and massage therapy. This program will use the NIH Research Project (R01) award mechanism. <S2S>

Deadlines: 01/07/2011, 02/05/2011, 05/07/2011, 06/05/2011, 09/07/2011, 10/05/2011, . . . , 01/07/2014. This program will expire on 01/08/2014.

Program URL: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-209.html>.

Preliminary Clinical Studies in Preparation for Large Interventional Trials of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Therapies (R34)

Program Number: 07174

Sponsor: NCCAM

Synopsis: The sponsor invites applications for early phase clinical research and development on high priority CAM interventions. This mechanism is intended to support the development of methodology and the preliminary data needed for planning and design of subsequent, larger randomized clinical trials, cluster randomized trials or cohort studies. This mechanism is not appropriate for support of randomized clinical trials to test or determine efficacy. It is appropriate for development of preliminary studies that will contribute to the design of either efficacy or real-world effectiveness studies. This FOA will utilize the R34 grant mechanism. <S2S>

Deadlines(s): 02/16/2012, 05/07/2012, 06/16/2012, 09/07/2012, 10/16/2012, 01/07/2013, . . . , 09/07/2013. This program will expire on September 8, 2013.

Program URL: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-163.html>.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)/NIH

NIH Clinical Trial Planning Grant Program (R34) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=47412>.

Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (R21) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=49755>.

Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (R03) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=49763>.

Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (R01) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=49764>.

NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (Parent R13/U13) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=50936>.

SHIFT Award: Small Businesses Helping Investigators to Fuel the Translation of Scientific Discoveries [SBIR: R43/R44] Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=52507>.

Preliminary Clinical Studies in Preparation for Large Interventional Trials of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Therapies (R34) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53502>.

NIDA Research Education Program for Clinical Researchers and Clinicians (R25) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53878>.

International Research Ethics Education and Curriculum Development Award (R25) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53934>.

Translating Basic Behavioral and Social Science Discoveries into Interventions to Improve Health-Related Behaviors (R01) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=59057>.

Translational Research to Help Older Adults Maintain their Health and Independence in the Community (R21) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=71733>.

Translational Research to Help Older Adults Maintain their Health and Independence in the Community (R01) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=71734>.

Mentored Clinical Scientist Research Career Development Award (Parent K08) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=86541>.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)/AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE RESEARCH & QUALITY (AHRQ)

AHRQ Grants for Health Services Research Dissertation Program (R36) Grant

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=48586>.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

Massage Therapy Foundation Introduces New Website

The Massage Therapy Foundation welcomes you to its recently redesigned [website](#). The new site is indeed multifaceted and inclusive of such features as an integrated blog, a rotating homepage, and an event calendar.

Massage Therapy Foundation's 2012 Community Service Grants

The Massage Therapy Foundation invites applicants for its [2012 Community Service Grants](#). The submission deadline is April 1, 2012. Guidelines are available via the hyperlink provided above.

Reminder: IJTMB Indexed in PubMed Central and Quertle

The first of two editorials in the IJTMB's March 2011 issue announced in detail the inclusion of this journal in NIH's PubMed Central and its open-access affiliated Quertle database, the latter of which provides a semantic-based option to the more conventional exclusive use of keywords for literature searches. PubMed Central and Quertle are now in addition to the following six databases already indexing this journal: [Directory of Open Access Journals](#), [CrossRef](#), [Healthindex](#), [Index Copernicus](#), [Google Scholar](#), and [Hinari](#).

Reminder: Outbound Linking Feature Added to the IJTMB's HTML Entries

As announced previously, beginning with the December 2010 issue, an *outbound linking option* has been added to the HTML version of each editorial/article entry.

Specifically, this feature provides a direct outbound link from a referenced article in an IJTMB entry to CrossRef, PubMed Central, and/or PubMed if indeed that given article in the reference list is included in one or more of the three aforementioned databases.