

HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR 1 (2010-2011)

- Accomplishment of **seven research projects**, four of which were funded (Public Health Agency of Canada ASPC, Human Resources and Skills Development Canada RHDC, Quebec Network for Research on Aging RQRV, Quebec-Wallonia-Brussels Agency AQWB) and submission of six grant applications. Of the seven projects carried through, the following are mentioned in particular:
 - Pilot study on the extent and impact of mistreatment of older adults. It has helped to develop and validate research questionnaires in French and English reaching seniors in their home or in housing. These preliminary steps lead us to say that all is ready to move on to a population-based study.
 - Based on the scientific literature, development of two factual quizzes on mistreatment of older adults and another on ageism.
 - Agreement with a publisher (Presses de l'Université Laval) for the publication of two books in 2012, one on general awareness of mistreatment of older adults and a second book for university pedagogical purposes.

- **Eight master's and Ph.D. students** have directly participated in the Chair's work, three of whom have completed their Master's degree with essay in social work.

- **Knowledge transfer** has been central to the activities of this first year's work:
 - 18 papers and two articles outside scientific networks;
 - 35 hours of training in university and college programs, and five training courses for practitioners in exercise. A training offer (four in French and one in English) was made public;
 - Website online on October 22, 2011 (although still under construction, it is widely visited).

- **Dissemination:** 16 scientific conferences and 15 scientific articles.

- **Organization of scientific events:** Co-publishing of two scientific journals' special editions, scientific committee of international symposia and organization or hosting of three workshops.

- **Collaborations:** The Chair's commitment to 12 long-term collaborative activities.

- **Some key dates:**
 - June 14, 2010:** *Launch of the 2010-2015 Governmental Action Plan to Counter Elder Abuse.*
 - November 8, 2010:** Signing of the agreement with the MFA (Ministry of Family and Seniors). At that time, the calendar year of the Chair's operation is set from November 1 to October 31.
 - December 16, 2010:** Official announcement of the Chair by the Minister responsible for Seniors, Madame Marguerite Blais, at a press conference at the University of Sherbrooke.
 - January 2011:** Official commencement of work (and therefore of costs).