

HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR 6 (2015-2016)

Research

- 48 active research projects (31 on-going, 16 completed but findings not yet transferred and one completely finalized)
 - Two new grants as principal researcher: QADA, Quebec-Wallonie-Brussels
 - Three new grants as co-researcher
 - Three pending funding requests submitted as co-researcher
 - Completion of a broad scale project concerning police intervention in cases of older adult mistreatment

Student Supervision and Training

- 10 students working on essays, dissertations or theses under the auspices of the Research Chair: 3 PhD candidates in gerontology (one grant recipient from FRQS – *Quebec Research Grant* and one from SSHRC – *Social Science and Humanities Research Council*) and seven in the social sciences master's program under the Chair (one recruitment in 2016)
- Three students amongst the ten completed their essays in 2016.
- Two other PhD - gerontology students outside the Research Chair (one completed their studies this year)
- 37 hours of training and awareness-raising to a variety of interested parties, as well as the creation of training videos.

Knowledge Transfer

- 54 publications – a record year
- Guest editor for special editions concerning the fight against older adults' mistreatment in two magazines: *Reflets* and *Vie et vieillissement*.
- Member of three organizing or scientific committees of symposiums with an international audience (REIACTIS - Network of International Studies on Aging, Citizenship and Socio-economic Integration; CAG - Canadian Association of Gerontology; CIFGG - International Francophone Congress of Gerontology & Geriatrics)
- 33 scientific conferences, eight of which have been accepted or submitted
- 57 solicited communications. Seven are planned for next months.
- Keynote speaker in Melbourne, Australia February 2016
See: <http://elderabuseconference.org.au/speakers/>
- Several communications for international events (notably Swiss, Australian, Canadian)

Website

- Continuing efforts to update our website. Addition of new sections (tabs), including one on Bullying and another on our expertise in police intervention; modifications to our home page, updating of files containing older scientific information.

Media Relations

- 33 appearances in a variety of media, some international (Australia), as well as four news items each month on our website.

- The work of the Research Chair is regularly publicized in The University of Sherbrooke's Media Liaison Bulletin

Preparation of the 2nd Edition of PAM (*Government Action Plan to Counter Mistreatment of Older Adults*)

- Participation in the May 2016 forum and submission of a dissertation.
- Feedback on the documents submitted to us by the Seniors' Secretariat within the framework of PAM 2
- Support for two directives of the Ministry of Health & Social Services regarding PAM 2.

Synergy with other PAM initiatives

- Completion of tasks by the Ministry of Public Security's working committee in relation to its commitments to PAM. In concrete terms, the Chair supplied a modified version of its reference guide for detection of abuse, developed in conjunction with the City of Montreal Police Department (SPVM) and including several elements of a provincial directive to all police services.
- Support for regional coordinators who are preparing to implement a socio-judicial agreement (three regional seminars in October and November 2016).
- Under the direction of two regional coordinators, revision of dozens of files and creation of a new file for the Reference Guide - 2nd Edition.
- Composition of the foreword for the Reference Guide – 2nd Edition.
- Participation in the committee on the terminology of mistreatment of older adults and comprised of helpline personnel and regional coordinators.
- Part of the task force on the terminology of bullying with helpline personnel and other partners.
- Part of a committee of experts, including helpline personnel and other partners, which produced the *Policy Framework against the Mistreatment of Older Adults in Long-term Care Facilities*.
- Participated in meetings of the provincial coordinator with cultural communities and contribution to the preparation of the Support Manual for Practitioners.

National Seniors Council

- Continuation of work launched in 2013 (under the direction of Minister Duclos since 2015).

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