



Chiropractic research professorship awarded at UBC

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(RICHMOND, B.C., 12 October, 2006) - The Faculty of Education and the School of Human Kinetics at the University of British Columbia announced here today the appointment of Dr. Jean-Sebastien Blouin as Assistant Professor in Human Kinetics in the named position, *Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation Professorship in Spine Biomechanics and Neuro-Physiology*.

The British Columbia Chiropractic Association (BCCA), the School of Human Kinetics, other UBC professionals and the Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation, cooperatively evolved this landmark education and research advance.

"It is an honour and a privilege for our profession to participate in the distinguished research tradition of this great university," said Dr. Don Nixdorf, the executive director of the BCCA. "We are obviously grateful to the Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation, but even more importantly, to all of the individual family chiropractors who support research and education in BC.

Dr. Jean-Sebastien Blouin received his Doctor of Chiropractic (D.C.) degree from the Universite of Quebec in 1999 and his M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Kinesiology from Universite Laval in 2001 and 2004 respectively. His doctoral research focused on the control mechanisms underlying head and neck stabilization during forward seated perturbations. He has held a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and Canadian Institutes of Health Research Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Neurophysiology and Biomechanics at UBC since April, 2004, during which time he has conducted research on the mechanisms of head and neck stabilization and their effects on posture and whiplash injuries. He has published articles in leading journals such as *Spine, Experimental Brain Research, Pain, Gait Posture, Journal of Physiology* and many others.

Dr. Nixdorf said that the timing of the announcement could not be better. "Many are questioning our country's conventional approaches to health care and it's affordability. Evidence of this is Premier Gordon Campbell's recently initiated *Conversation on Health*. We think this kind of research and education could be vital in finding ways to achieve better treatment outcomes."

More than 900 chiropractic doctors in B.C. treat more than 500,000 individual patients each year. Published studies repeatedly confirm that chiropractic care for spine and related conditions results in superior outcomes, more rapid pain relief and recovery, and a quicker return to productive lives.

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