Dr. Mana Rezai DC, PhD Candidate



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The CCA is delighted to announce that Dr. Mana Rezai has been named a recipient of the 2011 CCA Young Investigator Award.

This award recognizes young researchers working in the field of chiropractic and is given for a paper submitted for this competition that has not yet been published, or for a *recently* published paper. The investigator has not had his/her degree longer than two years before submitting the work.

Dr. Rezai has made very significant and extraordinary

contributions to the chiropractic community. Among her many achievements, she recently published in the scientific literature the research paper set out below. As the "co-author", Dr. Rezai has clearly distinguished herself as a young researcher with exceptional skills who can work effectively in a collaborative manner with world class investigators.

Kristman VL, Côté P, Hogg-Johnson S, Cassidy JD, Van Eerd D, Vidmar M, Rezai M, Wennberg RA. The burden of work disability associated with mild traumatic brain injury in Ontario compensated workers: a prospective cohort study. The Open Occupational Health & Safety Journal 2010; 2: 1–8.

Dr. Rezai is an Epidemiology PhD candidate at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. Her doctoral dissertation is an examination of the association between work-ability and return-to-work following a traffic injury. Her research goals are to better understand the course and determinants of recovery from traffic injuries in order to implement effective health care interventions, develop return-to-work programs and policies, and promote healthy lifestyle changes. Dr. Rezai's doctoral work takes place at the Toronto Western Research Institute, under the supervision of Dr. Pierre Côté. Her MHSc work included a project at the Institute for Work and Health examining the association between quality of life and neck pain as well as two international projects in Cambodia examining rates of injury, access to care and education for persons with disabilities. In December 2010. Dr. Rezai returned to Cambodia to evaluate access to education barriers for persons with disabilities. This research was funded by CIHR and the International Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation at the University of Toronto.

Congratulations to Dr. Rezai!