Dr. Maja Stupar DC, PhD Candidate



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The CCA is delighted to announce that Dr. Maja Stupar 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. Stupar has made exemplary contributions to the

chiropractic community. She recently published the research paper set out below which has had very high impact in the scientific literature. As the "lead author" in this paper, Dr. Stupar has established herself as a very capable young researcher and clearly in a position to collaborate effectively with world class researchers.

Stupar M, Côté P, French MR, Hawker GA. The association between low back pain and osteoarthritis of the hip and knee: a population-based cohort study. J Manip Physiol Ther. 2010 Jun;33(5):349–54.

Dr. Maja Stupar is a doctoral candidate in Clinical Epidemiology at the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. Her thesis addresses measurement of outcomes in musculoskeletal injuries, specifically evaluating psychometric properties of an outcome measure developed for assessing whiplash-related disability and her supervisor is Dr. Pierre Côté.

Dr. Stupar is a CIHR Vanier Canada Scholar and a recipient of the Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement. Her work at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden assessed an outcome measure in the Swedish adult population with back and neck pain. A collaboration with Dr. Gillian Hawker, a rheumatologist and Chief of Medicine at Women's College Hospital, resulted in a publication in the JMPT in 2010. This paper "The Association Between Low Back Pain and Osteoarthritis of the Hip and Knee: A Population-Based Cohort Study" was awarded the 2nd place World Federation of Chiropractic (WFC) research prize. Dr. Stupar has presented her work at the Primary Care Musculoskeletal Research Congress in Rotterdam, Netherlands and the International Society of Quality of Life Research conference in London, UK.

Congratulations to Dr. Stupar!