

Seminar and Think tank

## **AN OCCUPATIONAL PERSPECTIVE OF MOBILITY**

An international meeting organized by the  
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In collaboration with the network «Occupation Humaine et Santé (OHS)» and with the «Unité de médecine légale et psychologie du trafic (UMPT)».

### **THE SEMINAR** (morning)

The morning seminar is open to all (without announcement) researchers, students, clinicians and stakeholders interested in the theme of mobility transfer and self-management of mobility in people with disability including ageing. The seminar offers a change of perspective from assessing fitness-to-drive to maintaining quality of mobility in ageing and disability, and highlights issues around occupation-based mobility transitions.

### **THE THINK TANK** (afternoon)

The first afternoon is dedicated to put up the Mobile Initiative. Workshops will target setting up the framework, leadership between universities, initiative goals, and means of communication. The second day is dedicated to work on project outlines within the set strategy. Grant possibilities and priorities will be used to explore possible international collaborations.

## **PROGRAM**

**8H30** | *Welcome and coffee*

**9H00** | *Opening speech*

**9H15** | *Mobility – beyond fitness to drive*  
Ann-Helen Patomella

**9H50** | *Learning from the evidence: Examining the health and driving patterns of Canadian seniors*  
Brenda Vrkljan

**10H25** | *Pause*

**11H00** | *Mobility transfer & Evaluating needs in mobility*  
Paul Vaucher & Isabel Margot-Cattin

**11H35** | *Driving towards the future: What are, and should we research?*  
Carolyn Unsworth

**12H15** | *Closing speech*

**14H00** | *Think tank for researchers*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Ann-Helen Patomella, PhD, is a Senior Lecturer at the Occupational Therapy Department, NVS, Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden. She defended her theses in 2008 on Driving ability following stroke. Her research on driving has focused on instrument development and experiences of drivers with cognitive deficits with and without the ability to drive.

Brenda Vrkljan, O.T. Reg., PhD, is an Associate Professor in Occupational Therapy at the School of Rehabilitation Science, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada where her research focuses on aging, medical fitness-to-drive, and transportation mobility. Brenda is a lead investigator of the McMaster-Candrive team, a Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR)-funded initiative (<http://www.candrive.ca/>), which has tracked over 1000 older drivers in Canada, Australia and New Zealand. She was a member of the Advisory Board of the National Blueprint for Injury Prevention of Older Drivers supported by the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Paul Vaucher, PhD, is a Professor at the Osteopathy Department, School of Health, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland, Fribourg, Switzerland. Following his initial training as an osteopath, Paul has worked in research since 2001. In 2006, he obtained a postgraduate master degree in clinical trials before obtaining a PhD in Neuroscience. His fields of interests are musculoskeletal care, complex interventions, behavioural changes, and ageing.

Isabel Margot Cattin, MSc-OT / PhD Candidate at Karolinska Institutet, is an Associate Professor at the Occupational Therapy Department, School of Social Work and Health, University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland, Lausanne, Switzerland. Her fields of interest are people with dementia, relationships between environments, occupations and persons with disabilities, universal design, occupational science, and environmental gerontology. As such, fitness-to-drive, driving cessation and mobility transitions for people with disability or older adults are specific research topics.

Carolyn Unsworth, PhD, is a Professor of Occupational Therapy at the School of Human Health and Social Sciences, Central Queensland University, Melbourne. Her research focuses on enabling people with age-related health declines or disabilities to access the community through driving a car or using powered wheelchairs or mobility scooters. She conducts research on the assessment of fitness-to-drive, determining the most effective rehabilitation interventions for people wishing to resume driving after accident or injury, improving access for people using powered mobility devices on public transport and ensuring people have the skills to drive powered mobility devices safely. She trains occupational therapists to become driver assessors, teaches undergraduate occupational therapists, conducts research and has authored over 130 publications.

## REGISTRATION

Attending the morning seminar is free and no inscription is required.

The think tank is limited to 30 participants, dedicated to build international research projects on mobility. For invitation to participate in the think tank, contact the organisers by e-mail ([isabel.margot@eesp.ch](mailto:isabel.margot@eesp.ch) or [paul.vaucher@hefr.ch](mailto:paul.vaucher@hefr.ch)).

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