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# NEWS YOU CAN USE

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## Join Us for the DFA AGM May 3

On Wednesday, May 3, 2017, DFA will hold its Annual General Meeting. Come out and learn what your DFA representatives have been doing on your behalf, and also meet the 2017-2018 Executive Committee. The meeting will begin at 2 pm, location tbd. Watch your email for further details.



## DFA Serves Notice to Begin Collective Bargaining

This week, DFA served notice to the Board to begin the 2017-2018 round of collective bargaining. This year's bargaining team for DFA includes: DFA Members Tim Juckes, Shelley McKibbon and Julia Wright; DFA staff Barbara MacLennan and Lynn Purves; and Chief Negotiator Ray Larkin. After consultation with the DFA membership, the bargaining team prepared a suite of proposals that were presented to the Executive Committee and general membership on March 29. Over the coming weeks, the bargaining team will fine-tune those proposals and prepare for negotiations.

## DFA Launches Updated Website at <https://dfa.ns.ca>

Today marks the launch of DFA's updated website. We invite you to take a moment and browse through your site. We will be updating the site regularly, so please send any feedback or suggestions to [Catherine.Wall@dal.ca](mailto:Catherine.Wall@dal.ca).

## DFA Welcomes New Communications Officer

Catherine Wall recently joined the staff of the DFA as our new Communications Officer. She comes to us with 20 years of experience in communications, specializing in public relations for the association and non-profit sectors. Email [Catherine.Wall@dal.ca](mailto:Catherine.Wall@dal.ca).

## Dalhousie Releases 2017-2018 Operating Plan

On March 24, the Dalhousie Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) released its final Operating Plan for 2017-2018. It recommends a 1.9 per cent reduction to Faculty/unit budgets and a tuition increase of 3 per cent. The report will be presented to the Board of Governors this spring. You can see the full report at [dal.ca/budget](http://dal.ca/budget).

## Dal Workplace Wellness - April Events

Dal recently introduced a Workplace Wellness Strategy to help faculty and staff members' physical, mental, spiritual and financial health and well-being. April events for the latter part of the month are listed below. To register or for more information, email [healthy@dal.ca](mailto:healthy@dal.ca)

- How to Teach Your Kids About Money (April 11)
- Effective Tax Strategies (April 13)
- Fraud Protection (April 18)
- Pain Support Group (April 28)

## Dal Researcher Receives NSERC Herzberg Canada Gold Medal

Dr. Jeff Dahn, Dalhousie Department of Physics & Atmospheric Science and Department of

*"The Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering is awarded annually for both the sustained excellence and overall influence of research work conducted in Canada in the natural sciences or engineering."*

[nserc-crsng.gc.ca](http://nserc-crsng.gc.ca)

Chemistry, was recently awarded the 2017 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council's (NSERC) prestigious Herzberg Canada Gold Medal. The award recognizes Dr. Dahn for his research and innovation in battery technology, his area of expertise for more than 35 years. The award, considered the highest scientific honour in Canada, comes with a \$1 million research prize. For more information, [click here](#)

## Connecting Parents and Newborns in Neonatal Care

Dr. Marsha Campbell-Yeo, associate professor in Dalhousie's School of Nursing and a clinician scientist at the IWK, is the academic lead on ChezNICU, a research project designed to increase parental involvement in their newborn's care while in the NICU (neonatal intensive care unit). ChezNICU will offer parents 24/7 access to information and allow them to connect and learn about their baby's care onsite, from their smartphone, table, or their home computer. The Government of Canada recently announced \$3 million investment for the ChezNICU technology through ACOA's Innovation Fund. Project partners include ACOA, Dalhousie, Cisco and the IWK Foundation.

## Canada Launches Networking Site for Academics

The federal government recently launched [GCcollab.ca](http://GCcollab.ca), a digital networking platform where academics and students can connect and collaborate with Canada's public service. The site includes a space for creating professional profiles, a newsfeed, and a calendar of events. It also has a Groups function allowing users to join common interest groups. The project was tested last fall, and as of December 2016, 300 of its 800 registered users were from academia.

## Intellectual Property: An Overview from the World Intellectual Property Organization

What is intellectual property? What is a patent? What is a trademark? What is geographical indication? These questions and more are answered in a concise informative document produced by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) based in Switzerland. To view the document *What is Intellectual Property?* [click here](#) or visit their [website](#).

*"The progress and well-being of humanity rest on its capacity to create and invent new works in the areas of technology and culture."*

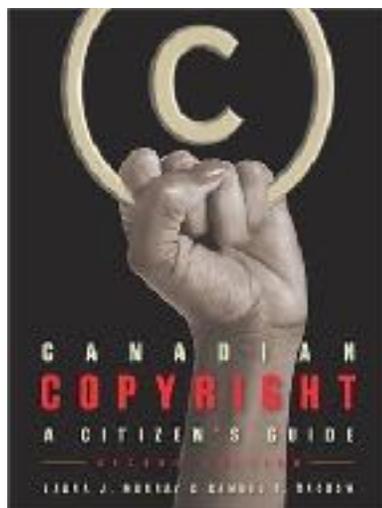
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## Books You Can Use:

### ***Canadian Copyright: A Citizen's Guide, Second Edition***

*Laura J. Murray, Samuel E. Trosow*



DFA recently purchased a copy of *Canadian Copyright: A Citizen's Guide, Second Edition*. Please stop by the office and have a look or borrow it if you like. Here's a bit about the book: *"In the age of easily downloadable culture, messages about copyright are ubiquitous. If you're an artist, consumer, or teacher, copyright is likely a part of your everyday life. Completely updated, this revised edition of Canadian Copyright parses the Copyright Act and explains current Canadian copyright law to ordinary Canadians in accessible language, using recent examples and legal cases."*

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*University of Western Ontario, jointly appointed in the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Information and Media Studies.*

