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**Appointment of new Director of Research & Education, Brain Repair Centre**

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Gail Eskes as Director of Research and Education with the Brain Repair Centre (BRC), effective July 1, 2010 for a three-year term.

This is a key leadership position that will guide the BRC's strategic research planning and development while strengthening educational goals and activities. The position will play a fundamental role in enabling the BRC to attract additional researchers and clinical scientists, expand research programs, train highly qualified personnel, develop innovative medical technologies, and raise capital for the new Life Sciences Research Institute (LSRI).

Dr. Eskes will bring to the position outstanding leadership skills, a strong track record as a clinician and a health researcher, and a solid academic portfolio. A neuropsychologist with expertise in the assessment and rehabilitation of cognitive disorders, she is an Associate Professor in the Dalhousie departments of Psychiatry, Medicine (Neurology) and Psychology, and an Affiliated Scientist at Capital Health. Dr. Eskes is the recipient of an AIF VII award, and major funding from CIHR, Heart & Stroke Foundation of N.S., and the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation. She is a dedicated teacher and supervisor of undergraduate and graduate students, and has been active in many academic committees. She has chaired or served as a member on numerous national and Dalhousie research bodies and is highly sought after for her expertise in guiding strategic research direction.

The Brain Repair Centre has a national and international reputation for innovative treatments and technologies in the area of brain repair. The BRC is a collaboration of Dalhousie University, the Capital District Health Authority, and the IWK Health Centre. With research funding exceeding \$65 million since 2003, the BRC represents a major resource for current and future development of Atlantic Canada's biotechnology and health care sectors.

We welcome Dr. Eskes to her new position on the BRC leadership team, and look forward to her contribution toward advancing the BRC's mandate of linking scientific discoveries and clinical outcomes to benefit patients.

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