UVic celebrates 1500th participant

In February, the University of Victoria (UVic) Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) staff welcomed their 1500th participant to the data collection site at the Gorge Road Hospital. Over the next two years, the site will welcome 1,500 additional participants. CLSA participants take part in the study by completing athome interviews before visiting the data collection site at the Gorge Road Hospital where they complete physical assessments as well provide information regarding their physical, emotional and social health functioning. This information will allow researchers to better understand the dynamic process of aging and the factors that shape healthy aging.

"I want to thank the CLSA participants who volunteer their time—they are helping to advance the science of aging in an unprecedented way" said Debra Sheets, site



Monica Kelly at the CLSA Data Collection Site

co-principal investigator and associate professor at University of Victoria. "Our dedicated and highly skilled time or in home interviewers and DCS staff are making this research possible" said Lynne Young, site co-principal investigator and professor at the University of Victoria. Both Drs. Sheets and Young said "A special thank you also to the staff at the Centre on Aging at the University of Victoria who provide so much support for the CLSA study."

The national coordination of the CLSA project is headed by lead principal investigator, Dr. Parminder Raina (McMaster University); and co- principal investigators, Dr. Christina Wolfson (McGill University) and Dr. Susan Kirkland (Dalhousie University). The CLSA is supported by the Government of Canada through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

For more information on the CLSA, visit http://www.clsa-elcv.ca