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International expert on movement disorders to share exciting results

TORONTO – Laurier professor Dr. Quincy Almeida will share the latest developments in Parkinson's research, including exciting results from a groundbreaking study on exercise rehabilitation, during a presentation March 24 at Laurier's Toronto office.

An award-winning researcher and leading expert in movement disorders, Dr. Almeida is the director of the Sun Life Financial Movement Disorders Research & Rehabilitation Centre.

Since opening its doors four years ago, the Sun Life Financial Movement Disorders Research & Rehabilitation Centre has helped more than 800 people suffering from Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders. This centre, based in Waterloo, is a Wilfrid Laurier University innovation.

Every day, researchers, international collaborators, students and volunteers work diligently on studying the underlying mechanisms of movement dysfunction, and then translate their findings into the development of novel therapeutic interventions, as an alternative to drug therapy. Every day, the centre's high-calibre team – led by Dr. Almeida – takes steps toward finding ways to ensure its patients can improve their quality of life and live more independently.

Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Location: Laurier Toronto Office

Exchange Tower, 130 King St., W.

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Meet & greet with Dr. Almeida

Noon – 12:30 p.m., Presentation by Dr. Almeida

Lunch: A light lunch will be provided

To book a time to interview Dr. Almeida on March 24, please contact Kevin Crowley at 519-884-0710 ext. 3070 or kcrowley@wlu.ca.