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**PRESS RELEASE:**

**MONTREAL.** The Director of McGill's School of Physical and Occupational Therapy (SPOT), Dr. Annette Majnemer, has recently received a high honour: she has been elected to the American Occupational Therapy Foundation (AOTF) Academy of Research. According to the AOTF, this is the highest scholarly honour that the AOTF confers, and one of the highest of the occupational therapy community itself. Dr. Majnemer also is the first occupational therapist to be named Director of McGill's SPOT, which is in and of itself a high honour. She was named as Director in September 2011, following one year as Interim Director.

The AOTF is a charitable, scientific and educational organization founded in 1965. It serves the public interest by supporting occupational therapy research and increasing public understanding of the important relationship between everyday activities (occupations) and health.

Dr. Majnemer was rewarded with this honour largely due to her research resulting in an "outstanding contribution ... to the advancement of knowledge in occupational therapy." Her research interests focus mostly on the developmental, functional and quality of life outcomes of children with disabilities and their determinants. The populations she studies are mainly preterm infants, children with congenital heart defects following open-heart surgery, children with cerebral palsy and developmental delay. Dr. Majnemer will receive the award at the AOTA Conference at the end of April 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana.