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**Conflicts of interests at the Royal Society Review Expert Panel: are Canadians being kept in the dark?**

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**Introduction**

Chronic long term exposure to low intensity (non thermal) radiation emitted by wireless technologies is not taken into consideration in the Canadian safety standard Safety Code 6, only high intensity acute effects (thermal effects).

The Canadian authorities have not taken the responsibility for possible long term health consequences from prolonged public exposure to low levels of radiofrequency (RF) radiation, claiming that such effects do not exist. This position enabled the industry to continue selling and spreading more and more wireless technologies into the environment and for personal use. The question remains: is the public protected?

*Are Canadians being kept in the dark?*

For years, British Columbia 's residents have sent studies to the British Columbia (BC) Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Perry Kendall, in response to his continued statements that there is no evidence of harm. Eventually,  Dr. Kendall agreed to send studies to the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC). The BCCDC published the report in  March 2013. The authors found that "unlike the mixed findings found in occupational health studies of radar EMF exposures, the epidemiological studies of men assessed for infertility were consistent in demonstrating  decreased sperm motility associated with increased use of mobile phones".

According to Michael Neal, the scientific director of ONE fertility in Burlington, Ontario, and a member of the Reproductive Biology Division, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, "the diagnosis of 'male factor' is becoming more common among one in six infertile couples in Canada.

As a result, there is now a greater focus on the male. The observed changes in sperm production have occurred

too quickly to be attributed to genetics", but it is probably related to the combination of lifestyle and environmental changes, according to him.

In contrast to all other authoritative reviews so far, the authors of the BCCDC report recognize the non thermal effect from non ionizing radiation, and they even related to mechanism: "apart from the known thermal effects of RF, oxidative stress due to increased reactive oxygen species (ROS) or decreased antioxidants is a plausible explanation for non thermal effects of RF on sperm cells".

*Oxidative stress - a plausible explanation for non thermal effects of radiofrequency radiation on sperm cell*s, *according to the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control.*

The BCCDC report made a statement that flies in the face of the formal position held by governmental health authorities and safety standards organizations worldwide. According to the general position,  dominated by physics and engineering professions: unlike ionizing radiation such as X-rays or gamma rays, non ionizing radiation cannot break chemical bonds nor cause ionization in the human body to cause mutation in the DNA. Therefore, they concluded, cell phones radiation cannot cause cancer. However, in the BCCDC report it is stated that

"although RF [radiofrequency radiation] does not appear to have sufficient energy to damage DNA directly (as ionizing radiation may), other mechanisms of damage to DNA may be involved such as through ROS and oxidative stress,  as well as up-regulation on gene expression and protein formation, including heat shock and adhesion proteins".  The BCCDC has dropped a bomb in terms of  formal recognition of non thermal effects from cell phone radiation. The findings on mobile phone and  fertility mean that Canadian men's fertility has been put at risk in the last decade, during the proliferation of mobile phones technology.  It was the first time when a formal health regulatory body found or admitted in scientific consistency regarding a harmful effect from radiofrequency radiation.

According to a press release of  Citizens for Safe Technology, the BCCDC review authors noted that “oxidative stress seems one of the more plausible mechanisms of RF-induced sperm damage. Mechanisms by which oxidative stress is caused by increased ROS (Reactive Oxygen Species) and decreased antioxidant have been shown to exist in neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s.”

Will these findings be considered in the safety standards any time soon?

At the request of Health Canada , the Royal Society of Canada has assembled an expert panel to conduct a review of Safety Code 6, concerning the potential health risks of radiofrequency radiation from wireless technology.

Health Canada is the sponsor, and provided $100,000 for the review. According to Health Canada and the Royal Society, the selection of the panel was entirely the responsibility of the Royal Society of Canada.

**The importance of being independent**

Everyone seems to agree on one thing: the Royal Society Review Expert Panel should be independent:

In a letter from 12 April 2013, Geoffrey Flynn, Chair, Committee of Expert Panels, Royal Society of Canada, wrote:  "I am convinced that with respect to the mandate imposed by Health Canada that all of the members of the panel will approach the review in an unbiased fashion irrespective of any previous or current associations with the cellular phone industry or the EMF industry in general".

A statement from Health Canada :  "As part of the response from the recommendations from the Standing Committee on Health's December 2010 report, Health Canada has committed to establishing a formalized expert panel process as the means for obtaining independent expert assessment of the review of the Safety Code 6.

Health Canada has tasked the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) to convene the Expert Panel.

The Panel's assessment will include a review of recent authoritative literature reviews as well as an assessment of recent scientific findings not included in the former. The input will be weighted and inform the Panel's assessment of proposed limits outlined in the revised Code."

In the Royal Society's guidelines of expert panel selection, it is stated: "we are trying to assemble a panel that is free of direct conflicts of interest" (page 14).

*Yolande Grisé –President, The Royal Society of Canada (2011-2013*)

 In a letter (3/5/13) from Consumer & Clinical Radiation Protection Bureau (CCRPB) to Sharon Noble from Citizens for Safe Technology it was written: "To clarify; the definition of an expert is considered to be a person who has special skill, training and/or knowledge in a particular field.  For the purpose of review of Safety Code 6 (independent expert); an independent expert is considered to be a person who has special skill, training and/or knowledge in a particular field who is appointed by an independent self-governing body (such as the Royal Society of Canada)."

In a correspondence of Health Canada , a memorandum to the Minister of Health said that"The review of Safety Code 6 will include an independent assessment by an Expert Panel of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC).

Results of the Expert panel process  will be made  public.....Health Canada committed to establishing a formal process for theindependent assessment of the scientific literature in support of reviewing and updating Safety

Code 6"….."The appointment of an Expert Panel has been selected as the mean for obtaining independentexpert assessment of the review of Safety code 6."

In a letter (30/5/13)  from Dr. Geoffrey Flynn (Chair, Expert Panel Committee The Royal Society of Canada)

to Sharon Noble  he wrote: "I believe that your major concern, with a perceived conflict of interest of some of the members and a lack of relevant expertise of others, is unfounded….Further, as described on the RSC website, our reports undergo rigorous review by independent experts, supervised by a peer review monitor, before release."

**In Reality: Conflicts of interest at the Royal Society Review Expert Panel**

In contrast to the beautiful statements on the importance of being independent, there are conflicts of interests in the chosen Royal Society Review Expert Panel. Prof' Dan Krewski's, who was originally chosen to be the chair of the Royal Society Review Panel 2013, has conflict of interests that was first exposed in *Marketplace* TV investigative program (25/11/03): Prof' Krewski, who is at the McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment at the University of Ottawa, was chosen to be one of Canada's lead scientists for the Interphone study, coordinated by the International Agency for Cancer Research IARC (IARC), the largest study ever done on cell phone cancer risk.  The program found,  that prof' Krewski had about a million dollars to fund his part of the research, most of it came from the Canadian Wireless and Telecommunications Association (CWTA), the cellphone industry lobby group. *Marketplace's* research found that the CWTA and its members invested $1 million to help establish the R. Samuel McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment at the University of Ottawa , and that CWTA money unleashes government money that goes towards Krewski's salary.

In an article that was published in The Star newspaper (2/8/08), Krewski said in reply to the suggestion of a conflict on the Canadian arm of the Interphone study or at the university (because of CWTA funding) that "that's the way science works.  The moment you mention CWTA, people start assuming they are calling the shots and that's not true. We have the tightest firewall you could imagine."

Newer information (6/8/13) was revealed by the *Journal of the Canadian Medical Association* (CMAJ):

Daniel Krewski had been hired to work for Industry Canada in 2008, to help develop a “Communication Strategy for Radiofrequency Fields Risk.”  He was paid $126,000 to help to create communication strategies to ease the health concerns of the public around Safety Code 6. Krewski told the CMAJ that he had not specifically disclosed it to the society. It should be noted that Krewski was the chair of the previous Royal Society review panel in 1999.

Krewski resigned from the Royal Society's review panel shortly after the information about his contract with the industry was exposed in public.

*Kid with cell phone.  Is children's safety being neglected by the authorities?*

**More conflicts at the Royal  Society Review Expert Panel**

Professor John Moulder, director of radiation biology at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee , has close industry ties and is also a member of the Royal  Society Review Panel.  According to *Microwave News* (MWN) "John Moulder earned hundreds of thousands of dollars disputing the existence of adverse EMF health effects, even those accepted by most other members of the EMF community. He was the editor of *Radiation Research* journal, that rarely published papers showing any type of EMF effects. MWN suspected that much of *Radiation Research*'s bias against EMF effects could be attributed to John Moulder"

An article about Moulder's conflict of interest was published in CMAJ. The group Canadians For Safe Technology (C4ST) said that John Moulder has close industry ties and should be removed. "Mr. Moulder is an American industry consultant. He has no place influencing Canada's safety review" said Frank Clegg, Chairman of C4ST,

and a Canadian technology leader, who was President of Microsoft Canada for 14 years.

According to the website safeinschool.org,  Dr. Ken Foster, another panelist, a biomedical engineer, "was hired in 2007 by the [WiFi Alliance](http://www.wi-fi.org/about/member-companies%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) (companies that manufacture and sell WiFi products) to conduct a study to show that WiFi is 'safe'. His study focused on background radiation and averaged out exposure levels, resulting in extremely low and 'safe figures'.  His study  has been utilized by WiFi promoters as *evidence* that WiFi is safe for school children.  According to MWN (14/4/11), [Ken Foster](http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~kfoster/kfoster.htm%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) "argued, back in 1987, that it was [time to stop microwave health research](http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v330/n6148/abs/330531a0.html%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)" .

Richard Findlay, another panelist, has a company EMFcomp, that according tohis website "can address the needs of companies and organizations who want to assess compliance with the current ICNIRP, IEEE guidelines", which means he will not question the thermal dogma while the BCCDC has already moved a step forward admitting in non thermal effect. He is computational physicist, not the medical/ biological expertise that is needed for examining health effects from non ionizing radiation.

Dr. Louise Lemyre, another chosen panelist, is not an expert of non ionizing radiation, but an expert of psychology. She is a fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences of the Royal Society of Canada, and the McLaughlin Research Chair on Psychosocial Aspects of Risk and Health at the Institute of Population Health of the University of Ottawa , where she leads a research unit on psychosocial analysis of health.  Risk perception is one of her research interests.  New information received through access to information, revealed that Dr. Lemyre is listed under Dan Krewski's company - Risk Sciences International.

Dr. Brian Christie,  another chosen panelist, is not an expert of non ionizing radiation.

*Royal Society Review of Safety Code 6: "Potential Health Risks of Radiofrequency Fields from Wireless Telecommunications Devices"*

Documents accessed through the freedom of information act, revealed this position of Health Canada : "As there is no convincing scientific evidence linking symptoms to RF exposure that are within limits established by Safety Code 6, the feasibility and utility of an adverse reaction reporting system is limited."

In a message from Geoff  Flynn,  Chair, Committee on Expert Panels Royal Society of Canada, it was written:

"Update to Panel Composition

Effective July 5, 2013, Professor Daniel Krewski has voluntarily stepped down from the Expert Panel. The Oversight Committee has undertaken to identify a new Chair of the Expert Panel.

Re: Federal Wi-Fi panel criticized for undisclosed conflict

In a newsletter published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ) on June 18, 2013, the editor of CMAJ asserts an undisclosed conflict of interest within Expert Panel on Review of Safety Code 6: Potential Health Risks of Radiofrequency Fields from Wireless Telecommunications Devices, and that the Society is reviewing its selection of the panel chair. The Royal Society of Canada’s response to these allegations, which has been submitted for publication as a letter to the editor in CMAJ, is reproduced below.

*The above newsletter reports that the Royal Society of Canada is reviewing its selection of the chair of its Expert Panel on Review of Safety Code 6: Potential Health Risks of Radiofrequency Fields from Wireless Telecommunications Devices, based on alleged non-disclosure of a possible conflict of interest by the chair, and possibly by other panel members. The activities of all panel members were discussed at the initial panel meeting, in accordance with the requirements of the Society’s Committee on Expert Panels. At that time, none of the activities of the panel were determined to present conflicts that would compromise the ability of the panel to complete its work in objectively evaluating the scientific data on potential health effects of radiofrequency fields.*

*The newsletter incorrectly reports that I said that the Society is reconsidering its selection of the panel chair, and that consulting activities by panel members were not disclosed during the conflict of interest discussion. What I said was that I would refer these issues to the oversight committee for review. I have since determined that the record of the conflict of interest discussion confirms that consulting work done by panel members for federal government agencies was in fact disclosed. Although not tabled, the Industry Canada report referred to in your editorial was included in the conflict of interest discussion. Because of the perceptions of conflict expressed in the editorial, I have asked all panel members to provide more detailed information on the activities they identified during the initial conflict of interest discussion.*

*To ensure that the views of interested parties on the state of the science regarding radiofrequency fields and health are considered by the panel, a public consultation session with the panel will be held during the course of the panel’s deliberations. These views will be given full consideration as the panel develops its report, and determines whether or not the guidelines on exposure to radiofrequency fields in the most recent update to Safety Code 6 are consistent with current scientific evidence.*

*Geoff Flynn*

*Chair, Committee on Expert Panels*

*Royal Society of Canada*

The panel chair has also submitted a letter to the editor of CMAJ regarding incorrect statements about research funding received by Canadian academic investigators involved in international epidemiological research on the association between cellular telephone use and brain cancer risk. This letter is reproduced on the University of Ottawa McLaughlin Centre for Population Health Risk Assessment website [www.mclaughlincentre.ca](http://www.mclaughlincentre.ca/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank).

The Royal Society of Canada regrets the misimpressions created by the CMAJ newsletter, which was written by a freelance journalist, Mr. Paul Webster, who interviewed both the Chair of the Royal Society of Canada Committee on Expert Panels and the Chair of the Expert Panel on Review of Safety Code 6.

Because of the misperceptions and controversy created by this newsletter, the panel chair has voluntarily elected to step down from the panel effective July 5, 2013. In order to avoid further occurrences of this type, the Royal Society will not comment further on the work of the Expert Panel on Safety Code 6 until the panel’s final report has been completed, peer-reviewed, and submitted to Health Canada, the sponsor of this report."

**Sharon Noble (Citizens for Safe Technology organization) wrote to Mr. Flynn  on behalf**

**of the Canadian public**:

"Dear Mr. Flynn,

On behalf of the Canadian public, I am shocked and ashamed at your statement regarding  Dr. Krewski’s conflict

of interest. Your defense of his actions, his bias, and initial appointment of him as Chair of the Expert Panel has resulted in a loss of credibility for the Royal Society. Even worse than the denial of this conflict and accusation of  “misimpressions” by the Canadian Medical Association Journal is your refusal to consider further comments about the panel or the process until the report is final.

Sorry, Mr. Flynn, we are not ready to say that this controversy is over.

Health Canada has contracted the RCS to do its dirty work – to choose people who will confirm that Safety Code

6 is appropriate, adequate and that no changes are needed. It has told you who to consider for the panel and which studies to review – and to not tell anyone what the process or criteria is.

We, the public who are directly affected by the outcome of this review, are not going to take this any longer. Previous reviews have been held in secret, with no public input and no explanation about the results. They were done by many of the same people you selected for the current panel, and the final stance of each one was insupportable by sound, independent science.

This process must be transparent if it is to have any credibility at all. We have a right to know why the panel members were chosen, by whom, and what studies are being reviewed. Mr. Flynn, if you cannot provide the information, you must resign your position as Chair of the Committee on Expert Panels. If you are being so controlled by Health Canada , your boss in this process, that your integrity is called into question, you have no choice but to resign."

*Sharon Noble from Citizens for Safe Technology: "We are not ready to say that this controversy is over"*

**Royal Society Review Expert Panel's New Chair**

During the preparation of this article, the composition of the Royal Society Review Expert Panel was changed, according to the website of the Royal Society: instead of prof' Daniel Krewski, The new Chair of the Panel is Dr. Paul Demers, Professor with the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto and Clinical Professor with the University of British Columbia. Additionally, Dr. Bryan Kolb, FRSC, a neuroscientist from the University of Lethbridge , and Dr. Anne-Marie Nicol, the Principal Investigator of the CAREX Canada Project, from Simon Fraser University , will also join the panel. Drs. Kolb and Nicol come instead of Dr. Brian Christie and Dr. Louise Lemyre, who are unable to continue with the project for personal family reasons and academic commitments, according to the Royal Society website.

Dr. Demers was interviewed about occupational agents in the workplace that are known to cause cancer.

He said: "There are about 60 substances or exposures, that are known to cause cancer or for which there is at least a lot of evidence. Among the risk factors he included "different types of radiation, including both ionizing and non ionizing radiation".

*Dr. Paul Demers, chair of the expert panel reviewing Safety Code 6*:

*non ionizing radiation is cancer risk factor*

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**The importance of  being  independent**

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Abstract

Data from a population-based case-control study of breast cancer in men were used to examine the hypothesis that occupational exposure to electromagnetic fields increases the risk of breast cancer. Incident cases (n = 227) diagnosed between 1983 and 1987 were obtained from 10 population-based cancer registries of the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results program of the National Cancer Institute. Controls (n = 300) were selected by random digit dialing and from Medicare eligibility lists. Exposure status, defined as ever having been employed in a job which has been classified as involving potential exposure to electromagnetic fields, was assigned without knowledge of case/control status. An elevated risk was found for any job with exposure (odds ratio (OR) = 1.8, 95 percent confidence interval (CI) 1.0-3.7), and risk was highest among electricians, telephone linemen, and electric power workers (OR = 6.0, 95 percent CI 1.7-21) and radio and communications workers (OR = 2.9, 95 percent CI 0.8-10). Risk did not vary with duration of exposed employment. The risk was highest among subjects who were first employed in jobs withexposure before the age of 30 years and who were initially exposed at least 30 years prior to diagnosis. These results lend support to the theory that electromagnetic fields may be related to breast cancer in men. The hypothesis warrants evaluation in women.

Microwave News about Dr. Paul Demers' study:

Male Breast Cancer Again Tied to Occupational EMF Exposures,

Support for the Johns Hopkins Study.  MWN July/August 1990

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Canadians for Safe Technology about Royal Society Review Expert Panel

http://www.c4st.org/safety-code-6-review

Dr. Magda Havas about Royal Society Review Expert Panel

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Dr. Paul Demers is leading a cross-Canada team of scientists, epidemiologists and health economists to try to find out how many cancer deaths and new cancer cases can be attributed to workplace factors, and the economic impact.  The study examines the impact of workplace exposure to 44 known or suspected carcinogens and their links to 27 types of cancer.

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