

## Who Is Behind That Email Address?



**Name:** Sharon Brinkos

**Role at the CRA:** Executive Assistant

**How long have you been kicking around?** Almost 2.5 years!

**What has been your funniest moment working at the CRA?** There is not any one particular moment but when Christine, Virginia, Claire, and I get together, there is usually something that we all have a good laugh over.

**Have you experienced a real eye-opener while in your position?** Working with doctors gives a real appreciation for what they do and how they are trying to make things better for the future.

**How many ASMs have you attended?** Two: Whistler (2014) and Quebec City (2015).

**At 5 pm on a Friday I can be found** either packing up to head to the cottage or cooking dinner.

**Personal interests?** Cooking, spending time at the cottage, crafts, and my volunteer jobs.

**Why do you love working for the CRA?** Meeting everyone that I deal with on a daily basis at the ASM and working from home allows for flexibility with my kids' schedules.

**Do you have any pets/personal mascots?** Yes, his name is Oskar.



**Name:** Claire McGowan

**Role at the CRA:** Project Coordinator

**How long have you been kicking around?** I have been kicking around for quite some time, specifically a year at the CRA.

**What has been your funniest moment working at the CRA?** We have had some funny times on flights...although perhaps my colleagues spend more time laughing at me.

**How many ASMs have you attended?** One so far...Quebec City (2015).

**At 5 pm on a Friday I can be found** kicking off the weekend with the ones nearest and dearest to me.

**Personal interests?** Photography, travelling, kayaking, and hiking.

**Why do you love working for the CRA?** I work with good and wonderfully dedicated individuals who all channel their energies towards a common goal.

**Do you have any pets/personal mascots?** No pets, no plants. I am only good at keeping people alive and well!



**Name:** Virginia Hopkins

**Role at the CRA:** Research & Technology Coordinator

**How long have you been kicking around?** Four years.

**Have you experienced a real eye-opener while in your position?** The amount of knowledge that is required to do this job and understand rheumatology is endless!

**How many ASMs have you attended?** Four: Victoria (2012), Ottawa (2013), Whistler (2014) and Quebec City (2015).

**At 5 pm on a Friday I can be found** driving my kids somewhere...

**Personal interests?** Reading, volleyball, and ball hockey.

**Why do you love working for the CRA?** I love working from home and the range of responsibilities.

**Do you have any pets/personal mascots?** We have a Netherland Dwarf rabbit named Coco.

