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# Communications Committee Update

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As hard as it is to believe, another year of the pandemic has come and gone. Although we are not entirely out of the woods yet, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Through it all, the CRA Communications Committee has been steadily working away behind the scenes.

Our biggest initiative has been *Around the Rheum*: the official podcast of the CRA. Now in its second season, our podcast has branched out to feature several recurring segments. The first of these is an "Ask the Expert" segment, featuring Dr. Janet Pope, one of the gems of the CRA and Canadian rheumatology community. On these episodes, Dr. Pope has informal chats with Dr. Daniel Ennis (our host) and shares her wealth of knowledge on topics ranging from methotrexate to Raynaud's to systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). She always brings wisdom, humour, and practicality to these discussions, which have been much appreciated by our listeners.

The second segment that we have launched this year is an Indigenous series. For our first episode, we had Dr. Cheryl Barnabe, a Metis rheumatologist who works with Indigenous people. For the next episode, our guest is Dr. Lindsay Crowshoe, a Blackfoot primary care physician and researcher. Both physicians live and work in Alberta. (The second episode has not yet been released at the time of this writing.) This is an important series and we can all learn a lot from listening to it.

The third segment that we have piloted is a long-awaited French version of *Around the Rheum*. This is hosted by Dr. Hugues Allard-Chamard from the *Université de Sherbrooke*. His first guest was Dr. Louis Bessette from *Université Laval* talking about "Comorbidities in Rheumatoid Arthritis: A Growing Concern Among Rheumatologists." This was well received by our community!

Stay tuned for more of these and other episodes in 2022 and beyond!

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