



# NBHRF BI-MONTHLY e-NewsLetter

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Dear Stakeholders of the New Brunswick Health Research Enterprise

In September 2015, we read that the Ontario Government, University of Toronto and MaRS secured a JLABS (Johnson&Johnson Innovation) site in Toronto, at the MaRS centre. The site officially opened on May 11, 2016, and credit should be given to this collective and the vision of the J&J / Janssen Canada



JLABS @ Toronto



President and his team, including Melinda Richter, Head of JLABS, to have brought a JLABS to Canada, the first outside the US and 1 of 6 in the world. This 40,000 sq.ft. facility is quite amazing in concept and infrastructure (I was given a tour by Chris Halyk, President of Janssen Inc., who met with our Premier at BIO2015, and Ms. Brenda Fisher, Strategic Affairs Manager, Atlantic Canada). It can support up to 50 start-ups and there are now 22 in place. Health Research and innovation are fundamental to a healthy economy, part of the new knowledge

economy, and ultimately will define new healthcare solutions that will benefit New Brunswickers and our healthcare systems.

We also attended the 2016 National Forum of the NCE-CFN (Network Centre of Excellence – Canadian Frailty Network) with Dr. Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard (Co-Chair NB Council on Aging, Prof. & Chair at U de Moncton) and Ms. Barb Burnett, Exec. Dir. Atlantic Inst. on Aging) on May 12-13, 2016 in Toronto. The Network is currently in its 5<sup>th</sup> year and is planning its renewal under the leadership of Dr. John Muscedere, CFN Scientific Director (who came to NB for a workshop in the presence of DSD Minister, Hon. Dr. Cathy Rogers earlier this year), Drs. Tom Noseworthy, Duncan Sinclair and members of the steering committee.



New Brunswick has an opportunity (and let's remember NB participated in their last student award competition 2016-2017 before renewal, resulting in quite a positive outcome) to forge a partnership, to define and engage the challenge of frailty for the next 5 years. Now is the time to engage, led by our stakeholders, health researchers of the NB Network (of excellence) for research on aging and eldercare.

During the Forum, we also welcomed Ms. Hazel McCallion, former Mayor of Mississauga for 36 years, now as always very active at 95 ! I had the privilege to meet with her the first time at BIO2012. In summary, this year's 2016-National Forum of the Canadian Frailty can be summarized by the following words:

health\_CARE, medi\_CARE, tertiary\_CARE, acute\_CARE, pharma\_CARE, long\_term\_CARE, community\_CARE, home\_CARE, non-medical\_social\_CARE, continuity\_of\_CARE, distributed\_CARE, affordability\_of\_CARE, people / patient-centered\_CARE



When it comes to transformative and applied health research and health innovation, we are continuously asked - and understandably - to do MORE with the same resources (budget and otherwise), but let's NOT do MORE OF the same care and processes. Let's not try to fix the system but instead drive real transformation of the system, real INNOVATION\_CARE through LOCAL\_CARE, because smaller provinces can share their LOCAL INNOVATION. If we desire big changes, we should focus, lead them to completion, and if we can, drive more than one project at a time. We have all heard the following quote: "For great things have small beginnings".



To that effect, we can salute the expansion of the pilot applied research project successfully conducted at the York care Center under Mr. Kevin Harter and his team that opens the door for the expansion to 15 NB Nursing Homes of the "MDS" program to cut the use of antipsychotics and the collaboration of the GNB-DSD (represented by the Hon. Stephen Horsman, Deputy Premier, Minister of, Public Safety and Solicitor General, Minister of Justice, Minister responsible for Military Affairs); the NB Association of Nursing Home Executive Director, Michael Keating, and the CFHI – Canadian Foundation for HealthCare Improvement's President Ms. Maureen O'Neil.



Also in the news, fifteen years in the making since the inception of CIHR in 2000, another modernization and sign of the times, is the nomination by CIHR of the five (5) new IAB (Institute Advisory Boards of its 13 Institutes) Chairs. The process evaluated 453 applications, for a three (3) year mandate, renewable once. Although relatively

unknown, these health researchers have certainly been engaged, hailing from QC (McGillx2), Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta (see short biographies [here](#)).

IAB on Research Excellence, Policy and Ethics:  
IAB on Health Innovation:  
IAB on Indigenous Peoples' Health:  
IAB on Health Promotion and Prevention:  
IAB on Chronic Conditions:

Dr. Gustavo Turecki  
Dr. Pamela Valentine (member of NAPHRO)  
Mr. Jeffrey Cyr  
Dr. David Buckeridge  
Dr. Eva Grunfeld

We wish them well in selecting the members of their IABs, with a special emphasis on achieving diversity in terms of language, demographics, geography, career stage and expertise, and also on providing the best advice possible to deliver programs that will benefit all Canadians as well as Canadian Health Researchers.



Congratulations to Asst-Professor Dr. Martin Senechal, UNB-Kinesiology, for an article in McLeans magazine [Hormone may hold clue to weight loss, N.B. professor says as he launches study](#).

Congratulations to Dr. Patrick James Feltmate, MD, FRCPC, **Assistant professor, [Division of Geriatric Medicine, Dalhousie University](#)** and **medical director and Geriatrician at the [HHN-DECH-Fredericton](#)**, on becoming the first lead of the HHN-Center of Expertise in Aging and Eldercare. We hope that the transformation of

geriatric clinical organization will be based on evidence-based practices derived from health research, conducted here in NB and elsewhere, and connect with the NB Centre of Excellence for Research on Aging and Eldercare.

Congratulations to the Senior (Dr. Miedema) and Junior Leaders (Drs. Doucet and Azar) of the provincial network of PIHCI, re-named PICHC ([Primary Integrated Community Health Care](#)) for their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual forum in Fredericton, May 19, a full day of presentations by keynote speakers.



Regards and best wishes

Dr. Bruno Battistini  
President, CEO & Scientific Director

P.S. A correction from the last newsletter: The Premier's [Innovation KIRA Award](#) for the public sector for NB Telestroke / HHN was received by Nicole Tupper, Executive Director of the Fredericton Area and the Chair of the Health and Aging Network, and not Dr. Edouard Hendricks.

## Announcements:



### CIHR recruitment: College Chair with expertise in patient and citizen engagement

CIHR is looking to fill a College Chair position with expertise in patient and citizen engagement, and experience with peer review processes. This Chair will ensure patient and citizen perspectives are integrated throughout the implementation of the College of Reviewers. The selected individual will join the other soon to be announced inaugural College Chairs, who will work in collaboration with CIHR's Chief Scientific Officer to recruit and oversee the peer reviewer membership base and provide the strategic guidance needed to build the College of Reviewers into a national resource.

**The College of Reviewers is a CIHR initiative to enhance peer review quality.**

For more information, [click here](#). Deadline: **May 27 ,2016**

For more information, please contact [college@cihr-irsc.gc.ca](mailto:college@cihr-irsc.gc.ca)

**NEW**  
**SEX- & GENDER-BASED ANALYSIS**  
Competency modules for researchers & peer reviewers

 1 Integrating Sex & Gender in Biomedical Research	 2 Integrating Sex & Gender in Primary Data Collection	 3 Integrating Sex & Gender in Data Analysis
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### CIHR Institute of Gender and Health

It's Federal Sex- and Gender-based Analysis Awareness Week! The CIHR Institute of Gender and Health announce the official launch of the Institute of Gender and Health's new online competency modules on May 17th. These modules will help researchers and reviewers discover best practices for integrating sex- and gender-based analysis across health research disciplines. Sex and gender influence our risk of developing certain diseases, how well we respond to medical treatments and how often we seek health care. Integrating sex and gender into health research is essential for creating research that is rigorous and applicable to everyone.

**To view the online modules, click the various links below:**

- [Sex and Gender in Biomedical Research](#)
- [Sex and Gender in Primary Data Collection with Humans](#)
- [Sex and Gender in the Analysis of Data from Human Participants](#)

## Call for Nominations

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## Research Canada Leadership Award

On behalf of Research Canada's Board of Directors, I would like to announce the Call for Nominations for Research Canada: An Alliance for Health Discovery's **2016 Leadership Award**.

Research Canada's Leadership Award is presented to either an individual or organization who/which has made outstanding efforts in advocating for Canadian health research at the local, provincial and/or national level. You are invited to disseminate this information with your respective award offices and networks.

To nominate an individual or organization, please review the [Eligibility Criteria](#).

Please complete the Nomination Form. All nominations should be submitted no later than **July 29, 2016**.

**This year, the awards will be announced at the Prix Galien and HRF Medal of Honour Award Ceremony on November 22, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.**

## Departures



### Announcement from Innovative Medicines Canada President Russell Williams



Mr. Russell Williams announced on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> that he will be retiring from his role as President of Innovative Medicines Canada, effect June 13, 2016. In his email he said "It has been an honor and a privilege to lead such a dynamic organization, composed of talented and dedicated individuals. Together, we have worked tirelessly to improve access to innovative medicines for Canadians and to bring more pharmaceutical innovation to Canada. This has been an exciting challenge, and I am proud of the work we have accomplished."

## Prizes & Distinctions



Congratulations to Roxanne Guerrette, a PhD student at Université de Moncton with Dr. Gilles Robichaud who has been awarded an O'Brien Foundation Fellowship from The Leonard and Kathleen O'Brien Humanitarian Trust. This is only the fifth time this particular award has been offered. Established in 1971, **The Leonard and Kathleen O'Brien Humanitarian Trust** provides postgraduate fellowships for deserving students who wish to pursue advanced study or research in any academic, artistic, or professional field at any recognized university or research establishment. The fellowships are administered by a Committee known as The O'Brien Foundation. A Reception will be held at Old Government House in Fredericton on July 20, 2016 to honour this year's recipients.

## Funding / Granting Opportunities:



### Upcoming NBHRF Program Deadline

**MSSU Traineeships as MSc, PhD Studentships and Postdoctoral Fellowships**  
**Deadline for submission – June 1, 2016**

Details at: <http://www.nbhrf.com/research-funding-programs>

### The Royal-Mach-Gaensslen Prize for Mental Health Research - 2016 Competition

Applications are now being accepted for The Royal-Mach-Gaensslen Prize for Mental Health Research, which was established by The Royal's Institute of Mental Health Research (IMHR) in 2015 to recognize and support Canadian early-career researchers with a focus in the area of mental health.

The annual national Prize provides funding to outstanding rising star career researchers who are affiliated with a Canadian academic or clinical research institution in the field of mental health, to encourage them to continue to pursue their research interests. It recognizes those with a demonstrated track record in research with excellence in scientific rigor, innovative thinking, imagination and originality and a clear ability to work in partnership with other disciplines and/or research teams external to the institution with which they are affiliated.

**The 2016 deadline for applications is July 15, 2016.**

The application and procedure to apply are fully described in the application packages available on the website at <http://www.theroyal.ca/research/about-imhr/the-royal-mach-gaensslen-prize-for-mental-health-research/>

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**Operation Grant: SPOR PIHCl Network – Knowledge Synthesis Grants** – Application deadline: 2016-07-26

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### **Funding Opportunity Pre-announcement: Researchers invited to analyze Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) data**

Canadian researchers from all research areas are invited to submit health research projects that make use of available CLSA data. The data, collected from over 50,000 Canadians, covers various aspects of people's lives, including biological, medical, psychological, social, lifestyle and economic aspects. The research projects should help us understand how these factors, taken individually and in combination, have an impact in both maintaining health and in the development of disease and disability as people age.

This funding opportunity is restricted to the currently available alpha numeric data available from the CLSA. The selected projects will help find ways to improve the health of Canadians by better understanding the aging process and the factors that shape the way we age.

The launch of the funding opportunity is planned for Spring 2016 on the [CIHR ResearchNet](#), and will be communicated widely.

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### **Wilfred and Joyce Posluns Chair in Women's Brain Health and Aging**

Application Deadline: **September 6, 2016**. For More Information:

- [Funding Opportunity on CIHR ResearchNet](#)
  - [Government of Canada News Release](#)
  - [CNW News Release](#)
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## **Events & Meetings:**



### **CFHI at the National Health Leadership Conference Spreading Healthcare Innovation: CFHI's Pan-Canadian Antipsychotic Reduction in Long Term Care and INSPIRED COPD Spread Collaboratives June 6 & 7, 2016**

Join them for a breakfast session at this year's [National Health Leadership Conference](#) focused on innovation and accelerating healthcare best practices. The session will spotlight two of CFHI's major spread collaboratives launched in 2014 and the subsequent results and impact.

To register for this session or for more information, please contact [natalie.mccarthy@cfhi-fcass.ca](mailto:natalie.mccarthy@cfhi-fcass.ca).

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### **Collaborating to pro-actively delay frailty and C.A.R.E.: Lived experiences from an inter-provincial innovation team (Panel)**

CFHI will be presenting a panel discussion on outcomes and lessons from cross-regional approaches to improving healthcare for seniors as well as the Community Actions and Resources Empowering Seniors (C.A.R.E.S.) project. For more information, please click [here](#).

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### **Embedding cultural safety and humility within First Nations and Aboriginal Health Services (Panel)**

CFHI's Director of Northern and Indigenous Health, Rose LeMay, will be one of the featured panelists for this session on improving capacity for culturally competent and safe care for First Nations and Aboriginal people. For more information, please click [here](#).

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### **Excellence in Aging Care Symposium, Holistic Perspectives- The Future of Aging Care September 21-23, 2016 Journey Wesleyan Church**

York Care Foundation, in conjunction with York Care Centre, is thrilled to once again offer the Excellence in Aging Care Symposium. The theme, *Holistic Perspectives- The Future of Aging Care*, addresses the motivation behind our involvement in elder care. The desire to serve others is part of our humanity. Aristotle stated, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts". This holds true for the genuine connection between people that occurs during care, both directly and indirectly. Whether it be between family members, healthcare providers and residents, or between administrators and staff, there is a certain synergy that can be felt when all parts are functioning well. When examining these relationships, we must consider the physical, mental and social/spiritual well-being of each individual. This Symposium will examine some of the complex issues facing the elder person, their families and those that are chosen to look after our most vulnerable and deserving members of the community, as well as, how we communicate with each other in this ever changing world of Social Media.

With a slate of amazing presenters, including a very informative workshop and a panel discussion, you aren't going to want to miss out on this event!

**We have 25 seats available for funding through NB Department of Social Development to RNs, LPNs of public care centres.** When registering, please ask about funding.

Here is the link to the program and registration form. Rooms are blocked at the new Hampton Inn & Suites. Book now to ensure space.

[Click here](#) for more information. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the York Care Foundation office.



At the Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa. Luncheon Keynote Speaker: The Hon. Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science, Register online now:

[Member registration](#);

[Non-member registration](#)

**5th annual TVM Capital Life Science Autumn Conference 2016 taking place on Monday, September 19th in Montreal!**

The conference is attended by more than 200 international participants from Asia, the United States and Europe who join the conference to network with senior decision makers from biotech and pharmaceutical companies as well as Venture Capital and investor groups. This year the

conference is honored to welcome **Mr. Darren J. Carroll, Senior Vice President Corporate Business Development, Eli Lilly and Company**, as the Keynote Speaker of this year's event.



## Job Opportunities

**VICE-RECTRICE ADJOINTE OU VICE-RECTEUR ADJOINT À LA RECHERCHE ET DOYENNE OU DOYEN DE LA FACULTÉ DES ÉTUDES SUPÉRIEURES ET DE LA RECHERCHE**

La description se trouve au lien suivant :

<https://www.umoncton.ca/emploi/index.php?case=21&ID=4674&Type=9>