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Dear Stakeholders of the NB Health Research Enterprise,

**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER.** This week saw the announcement of the NB Council on Aging. It is notable that both Chairs are visionary for health research in aging, Dr. S Dupuis Blanchard, Faculty and Chair at U de Moncton on aging, and Mr. Ken McGeorge, acting executive director with the Alzheimer Society of Canada- New Brunswick Chapter, and former founding leader of the Atlantic Institute of Aging when then heading the York Care Center. Another one on the international scene is Dr. Yves Joannette, Scientific Director at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Aging, as the new Chair of WDC ([World Dementia Council](#))

The worldwide cost of dementia care is soaring: [The World Alzheimer Report 2010](#) predicted an 85% increase in costs by 2030, and the costs are expected to rise more quickly in low- to middle-income countries, in part due to social changes reducing the availability of families to provide care. The current cost is estimated as US\$818 billion by Alzheimer’s Disease International – if dementia were a country, it would be the 18th largest economy, more than the market value of Apple (US \$742 billion).

**IN THE NEWSTHREE TIMES** Three articles appeared in New Brunswick newspapers this week: Dr. Sarah Pakzad (U de Moncton-École de psychologie-FSSSC; [the article](#)) who also leads one of the two projects (memory clinics in primary care settings) relative to CIHR-CCNA (Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration and Aging), Dr. Danielle Bouchard (UNB-Kinesiology; [the article](#)) and Dr. Kelly Scott-Story (UNB-Nursing; [the article](#)), both profiled in our NBHRF 2016 young researcher-of-the-month campaign.

**NEWS FROM OTTAWA.** I attended the annual (5<sup>th</sup>) National Symposium of the Academic Health Sciences Network organized by the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS), HealthCareCan and AFMC. There were three of us from New Brunswick, Dr. Jennifer Hall (DMNB), Dr. Edouard Hendriks (HHN) and myself. Besides great interactions with the new H<sup>10</sup> (a committee of CEOs of University Hospital Centers to advance the health and life sciences agenda in Canada), the presence of U15 (an association of 15 Canadian public research universities; Its member institutions undertake 80 percent of all competitive university research in Canada; [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U15\\_Group\\_of\\_Canadian\\_Research\\_Universities](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U15_Group_of_Canadian_Research_Universities)), leaders of other medical associations, Deans / Vice Deans of Faculty of Medicine, University Vice Presidents of Research, NAPPRO co-Chairs (or I’d say F10 aka the ten provincial Funders of the health research enterprise), etc. the collective also met with Dr. Kirsty Duncan, federal Minister of Science. She remains a breath of fresh optimism and she listens. In one session, the three Presidents of CFI, GenomeCanada and CIHR presented their federal organizations’ perspectives (not rosy). With NB getting <0.5% funding of either of the three organizations, work remains to be done to get our fair share of federal funding for health research, and to achieve a better outcome for our knowledge economy. These organizations will have to engage in crucial conversations with us and start thinking outside the box to generate solutions.

We will now release NBHRF e-NewsLetters bi-weekly, so back on March 14.

New Brunswick Health Research Enterprise: Where BIG begins

Wishing you all a great two weeks.

Dr. Bruno Battistini  
President, CEO & Scientific Director  
New Brunswick Health Research Foundation

## Funding Opportunities:



**TVN is holding an open competition for a Research Priority Setting Process service contract to determine patient-centred research priorities relating to health care of frail older Canadians**A Request for Proposals and Proposal Application are available: [Click here](#). Proposal Due: March 7<sup>th</sup> 2016. Proposals may be submitted via email to [apply@tvn-nce.ca](mailto:apply@tvn-nce.ca) before 12 noon ET on Monday.



100% research since 1945

The Cancer Research Society is pleased to announce the 2016 competition launch of our Scholarships for the Next Generation of Scientists funding program, an initiative aimed at supporting future generations of Canadian researchers. The Scholarship is broken down into two parts, and extends over a period of three years, with no possibility for renewal. Deadline for Applications is April 29, 2016. To find details, [click here](#).

## Job Opportunities:



### CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is presently looking for applicants to fill the position of Scientific Director, Institute of Population and Public Health. You can consult the job advertisement at the link below. Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health

Closing date: March 28, 2016

## Events & Meetings:



### CHNET-WORKS! Webinars

March 17, 2016  
/ le 17 mars  
2016

**Young people, socio-economic processes, and youth mental health promotion**

1:00-2:00pm  
13h00-14h00

### Save the date: iHR Day March 18<sup>th</sup>, Saint John Regional Hospital

Interprofessional Health Research Day (iHR Day) is open for registration today! Our keynote address "Disease Fighting Power of Plant-Food Flavonoids" by Dr. Vasantha Rupasinghe, Canada Research Chair in Fruit Bioactives and BioProducts, will describe the research supporting the remarkable power of fruit in preventing the development of chronic diseases.

Last year over 40 health research projects in *cardiology, vaccinations, surgery, psychology, chemistry, immunology, oncology, pathology, natural drugs, and more* were presented!

Don't miss this opportunity to hear the latest local research! Registration is free at: [www.ihrnb.ca](http://www.ihrnb.ca). If you have research to present, please visit [www.ihrnb.ca](http://www.ihrnb.ca) for a submission form. Submission deadline is February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**8<sup>e</sup> édition Journée de recherches interdisciplinaires en santé**

Sous le thème «Santé et mieux-être : agissons ensemble»

Le 18 mars 2016

Organisé par la Faculté des sciences de la santé et des services communautaires de l'Université de Moncton.

et événement favorise le rayonnement des connaissances en santé. Cette journée est également une occasion de renforcer le partenariat entre les différentes disciplines et professions de la santé ainsi que de créer des liens entre les acteurs des institutions académiques, des milieux communautaires et gouvernementaux.

La conférencière d'honneur est Isabelle Gaboury Ph.D. Elle occupe un poste de professeure au Département de médecine de famille de l'Université de Sherbrooke et nous présentera ses projets de recherche en collaboration interprofessionnelle.

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From **May 25-26, 2016**, consider attending this unique conference in Montreal organized *by* life science professionals *for* life science professionals. We understand the intricacies and challenges of conducting successful studies to bring the next innovative therapy to market, and have secured global experts to speak about their experience and share their insights on new methods, tools, processes and partnerships to make it happen! Topics confirmed to date:

- **Big Data** in Clinical Trials
- **Innovation** at the Intersection of **Digital Health, Wellness & Personalized Medicine**
- **International Standardization** for Clinical Research Excellence

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***Defeating the Dark Shadow of Alzheimer's disease and Dementia Through Person Centered Care: A Conference for Health Care Professionals - April 12, 2016; Bicentennial Ballroom, Fredericton Inn Conference Centre***

For More Information and to Register Contact the Alzheimer Society of New Brunswick  
[506-459-4280](tel:506-459-4280) / [1-800-664-8411](tel:1-800-664-8411) / [info@alzheimernb.ca](mailto:info@alzheimernb.ca)

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Youth *Impact* Jeunesse presents "Working with Traumatized Children and Youth"  
featuring Dr. Bruce Perry, MD, PhD in Saint John, NB May 26, 27, 2016

To register, visit [www.DrPerryAtlanticConference.com](http://www.DrPerryAtlanticConference.com)