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## Editorial:

Get Informed. Get Connected.

What were the most popular stories of 2015?

What We'll Write About this Year.

What are the projections or big trends of 2016?.

Here we are, reading and learning from words on the street.

We and our stakeholders moved a great deal in terms of building capacity in health research this past year. This shall continue in coming years through strategic positioning within the national landscape, whether it is with the federal tri-council, other agencies and/or private partners such as charities, foundations and industry. NBHRF plans to continue to foster health research and health innovation in New Brunswick. NBHRF is more inclined to develop and implement new approaches that can respond quickly and effectively to real-world challenges. For example, let's use digital technology to encourage health innovation and patient engagement, and let's build a learning culture and be mindful that a disruptive activity may be the catalyst to developing leaders for the workplace of the future.

Previous reorganizations (that will likely continue) of federal agencies have created opportunities - for them with us - to reflect, regroup and re-engage with all partners. Health Charities are at a crossroad facing mounting competition from Hospital Foundations and a challenging economic climate while faced with the task to invest and engage locally while striving for competitive excellence nationally.

As for industry, massive reorganizations have occurred, re-branding has happened, and more mergers and acquisitions are coming.

Personalized medicine, patient-centered care and supporting patient-oriented research are the way to the future of sustainable health care delivery systems and services. Access and analyses of data will help in projecting optimal deployment.

Improved new drugs are coming (Merck-Ketruda, Novartis-Entresto, etc) and they will be game-changers. Biologics and their generics (biosimilars) - perhaps one of the most important pharmaceutical advances of the 21st century - are here. As we need them, we have to assess how we are going to pay for them, and it is for health researchers, epidemiologists and health economists, to figure out the cost-benefit analysis.

E-Solutions: E-everything for E-everyone, E-everywhere. This encompass everything from m-Health to technologies that continue to improve the quality of life for patients and caregivers, E-Solutions are also making physicians' lives better and more complicated at the same time. They are also driving the creation of huge data sets that need to be analyzed and acted upon to improve health outcomes now.

Could any group that comes up with an Alzheimer's therapy become a breakthrough? We hope.

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual New Brunswick Health Research conference in Saint John is scheduled for Wednesday – Thursday (Nov. 2-3, 2016) and the 4<sup>th</sup> Gala of Excellence with 15 new investigators as nominees has been launched.

If you suffer or have symptoms of holiday exhaustion (tired eyes from watching holiday movies on repeat, paper cuts from unwrapping/wrapping gifts, overexposure to pumpkin spice, etc.), we recommend energizing your new year by following this NBHRF weekly newsletter

My wish to you all: Treasure Life's Journey.

And for me to reflect that maybe it's not the destination that matters; maybe it's the journey. If that journey takes a little longer, so we can do something we all believe in, I can't think of any place I'd rather be, or any people I'd rather be with.

Regards

Dr. Bruno Battistini, President & CEO – Scientific Director

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## Announcements:



As of January 1<sup>st</sup> Rx&D has changed its brand to Innovative Medicines Canada. Congratulations and we look forward to continue working with you in the new year! For more information, [click here](#).

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### [“Innovation Sensations”](#)

HealthCareCan conducted a review of news stories about health research conducted by research hospitals, academic provincial and regional health authorities and their research institutes. The review resulted in an on-line database called [“Innovation Sensations”](#) which offers a one-stop shop access to this compiled information.

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### **The National Alliance of Provincial Health Research Organizations (NAPHRO) announces the nomination of a new Co-chair and welcomes a new colleague**

NAPHRO, the National Alliance of Provincial Health Research Organizations, is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Bruno Battistini**, President & CEO - Scientific Director at the New Brunswick Health Research Foundation (NBHRF) as our new Co-Chair for the next 2 years. In this role, Dr. Battistini joins **Dr. Battista**, Scientific Director at Fonds de recherche du Québec (FRQ) – Santé who has been the Co-Chair for the past year and incoming year.

NAPHRO is led by two Co-Chairs appointed from among its members on a two-years' rotating basis. As we welcome the new Co-Chair, we would like to thank **Dr. Stephen Bornstein**, Director, Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research, for his leadership as Co-Chair over the past two years.

At the same time, the NAPHRO welcome **Ms. Heather Magotiaux** who has been appointed the new Chief Executive Officer for the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation.

NAPHRO was created in 2003 with the primary role to facilitate and coordinate communication, strategic alignment and convergence of inter-provincial and national efforts in the funding of health research. NAPHRO members operate within different and changing political, operational, legal and financial contexts and have unique relationships with their provincial ministries and funders, their provincial research stakeholders, federal granting tri-councils and other federal government agencies, and the national charities. Alliance members meet on a regular basis to share information and identify potential opportunities for working collaboratively on common issues.

### **Current Members of NAPHRO:**

**Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research** Dr. Diane Finegood, President & Chief Executive Officer **Alberta Innovates - Health Solutions** Dr. Pamela Valentine, Interim Chief Executive Officer **Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation** Ms. Heather Magotiaux, Chief Executive Officer **Research Manitoba** Ms. Christina Weise, Chief Executive Officer **Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation** Ms. Allison Barr, Director, Research Branch **Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care** Mr. Micheal Hillmer, Director, Health System Strategy & Policy Division **Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé** Dr. Renaldo Battista, Scientific Director (*NAPHRO Co-Chair:2014 to 2016*) **New Brunswick Health Research Foundation** Dr. Bruno Battistini, President & CEO - Scientific Director (*NAPHRO Co-Chair:2015 to 2017*) **Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation** Ms. Krista Connell, Chief Executive Officer **Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research** Dr. Stephen Bornstein, Director

For information about NAPHRO or how to communicate directly with anyone of the member organizations, please contact:

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## Funding Opportunities:



### Knowledge Translation and Commercialization within the Project Grant competition – A ‘special consideration’.

CIHR has established a ‘special consideration’ within the Project Grant competition for knowledge translation and commercialization projects that engage partners and/or knowledge users. Visit the [Project Grant web page](#) for more information.

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### Hiring an undergraduate student? Apply for NSERC funding for up to \$4,500 for a 16-week work term.

NSERC's Industrial Undergraduate Student Research Award offers companies access to talented natural sciences and engineering undergraduate students. This cost-shared program allows students to address company-specific R&D challenges, gaining valuable industrial experience. At the end of a 16-week work term, NSERC reimburses employers up to \$4,500 of the student's salary. For more information, [click here](#).

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Canada's only fully bilingual improvement fellowship for healthcare leadership training is back! The **EXTRA program** has launched a 12<sup>th</sup> call for applications and CFHI is inviting highly motivated teams to [apply by February 15, 2016](#).

[Watch the video](#) to learn more about how the program, grounded in the complex reality of leading and managing in today's health and healthcare environments, benefited former EXTRA fellows and their CEOs, patients and organizations.

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**CIHR Institute of Populations and Public Health GACD Lung Disease Team Grant:** This funding opportunity on [Implementation Research on the Primary Prevention of Chronic Lung Diseases in Low and Middle Income Countries](#) (LMICs) is the third joint research program of the [Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases](#) (GACD). [Deadline for applications: February 24th, 2016](#).

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**Advance Elder-Friendly Care - Participate in the ACE Collaborative.** Seed funding of up to \$40,000 available. Application deadline is Feb. 1, 2016. CFHI, in partnership with Technology Evaluation in the Elderly Network (TVN), is inviting applications to the 12-month [Acute Care for Elders \(ACE\) Collaborative](#) supporting organizations to adapt and implement elder-friendly best practices

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## Job Opportunities:



### Become a CIHR Institute Advisory Board Member.

The recruitment campaign to fill up to 75 positions within the five new Institute Advisory Boards (IABs) has begun. Comprised of five (5) horizontal boards serving all 13 CIHR Institutes, this new advisory model will boost collaboration across Institutes and within our multitude of stakeholder communities by bringing together a wide range of perspectives within each IAB.

The five (5) new IABs are:

- 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

Online applications can be submitted *before February 3, 2016*. [Apply to become an IAB member](#)

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## Events & Meetings:



### **Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) Webinar**

**Date:** Thursday, 21 January, 2016

**Time:** 12 noon (EST)

**Topic:** Aging is a lifelong and socially patterned process: Insights from a life course approach using a maturing British birth cohort study, presented by Dr. Diana Kuh, professor of Life Course Epidemiology and director of the Medical Research Council Unit for Lifelong Health and Ageing at University College London.

Click [here](#) for more details and to register.

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fredericton Wine Show hosted by the Arthritis Society: Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 6-9:30 UNB Fredericton. For more information, [click here](#).

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2016 AHSN Symposium: Feb. 24-25 Ottawa. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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### **Embedded Clinician Researcher Salary Award**

**Application deadline: March 3, 2016**

Join the CIHR-Institute for Health Services and Policy Research and the CIHR-Institute for Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis for a webinar to learn more about the new [CIHR Embedded Clinician Researcher Salary Award](#). Please share this with your networks and colleagues who may be interested in applying for this award.

**Or Register for the webinar on [Monday, January 18 at 1:00 pm ^ 2:00 pm Eastern Time](#)**  
Once the host approves your request, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions.

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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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**Redefining Early Stage Investments (RESI) MaRS Conference** – June 23, 2016 MaRS is partnering with [Life Science Nation](#) and [Johnson and Johnson Innovation](#) to put on the first Canadian instalment of the acclaimed [Redefining Early Stage Investments \(RESI\)](#) health investment conference series. *Warm-up activities taking place on the evening of June 22, 2016.*

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## Clinical Trials:



**Effect of Dose of Buglossoides Oil on EPA Accrual and on the Inflammatory Response.** For more information, [click here](#).

**Study of the Safety and Efficacy of Dietary Buglossoides Oil.** For more information, [click here](#).