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## Editorial:

Dear Stakeholders of the New Brunswick Health Research Enterprise

On Nov.6, 2015 I completed my year as co-Chair of the **National Forum of Health Research Funders.**

*“The Forum of Health Research Funders (also simply called the Funders Forum) is an important national initiative that was years in the making. In 2003, health research leaders (including funders, researchers, health professionals and policy makers) recognized the need to bring health research stakeholders together to produce a coherent vision for health research in Canada. In September 2004, the Leader’s Forum for Health Research in Canada was held in Ottawa to address this need, resulting in a strategic plan that emphasized the consensus among the participants that there was a necessity for “new mechanisms that facilitate more effective collaboration and coordination of effort” among everyone interested in health research. After considerable discussions and consultations, the Forum was created and held its inaugural meeting at CIHR in October 2006. The Forum of Health Research Funders now brings together 26 members’ Presidents & CEOs of the major health research funders in Canada, including the health charities (HCCC; [www.healthcharities.ca](http://www.healthcharities.ca)) and the National Alliance of Provincial Health Research Organizations (NAPHRO; [www.naphro.ca](http://www.naphro.ca)). The goal of this forum is to discuss issues of common concern, share information on best practices, communicate new initiatives and identify opportunities for potential collaboration. Members meet face-to-face a minimum of twice per year and guide 4 working groups / subcommittees to work on specific tasks between meetings. The role of co-chairs (NAPHRO and HCCC) for two years is rotated regularly. Secretariat support is provided by CIHR.”*

During this past year, we held the usual 2 face-to-face meetings while, to maintain momentum and action, we initiated additional quarterly teleconferences to actively pursue action items , and also created four (4) sub-committees about (i) Partnerships & funding models, (ii) Health research trainees, (iii) Governance and outcome measures and (iv) Communicating the value of health research. We also invited to present and exchange the future of Canada’s health research and innovation agenda, such as CIHR updates, NSERC, CFI, CFERF, Rx&D-Canada-HRF, and Advisory Panel on Health Innovation Report. We also changed the Terms of Reference to allow co-Chairs to remain for two consecutive years, alternating between NAPHRO and HCCC. I stepped-down and let the President & CEO of the Canadian Diabetes Association (<https://www.diabetes.ca>) Mr. Rick Blickstead, pursue a second year as co-Chair of the “Funders’ Forum”, while NAPHRO moved Dr. Diane Finegood as the new co-Chair of the “Funders’ Forum” (She is the CEO of the BC – MSFHR; <http://www.msfhr.org>).

Also, as of Dec.8, 2015, I became the co-Chair of **NAPHRO, the National Alliance of Provincial Health Research Organizations** (NAPHRO; [www.naphro.ca](http://www.naphro.ca)) for a two (2) year mandate. I join Dr. Renaldo Battista, the Scientific Director of the FRQ-santé. Thank you to Dr. Bornstein (Nfld & Lab) for his past 2 years of dedicated service. The NAPHRO Collective is responsible for about \$0.5B in investment in the health research enterprise across Canada., It’s members are the key organizations that are called upon to match CIHR–SPOR-Program funding on a 1:1 ratio, in addition to funding many in-house programs. A Collective that deserves to be consulted.

*“ NAPHRO is a voluntary alliance created in the fall of 2002 as a forum for provincial health research organizations to increase their strategic alignment, share ideas and identify opportunities for collaborations. It brings together ten organizations with a mandate to support the health research enterprise in their respective provinces. NAPHRO members operate within different political, operational, legal and financial contexts and have unique relationships with their stakeholders - provincial ministries, provincial research ecosystems, federal granting councils and departments, and the charitable sector. This diversity is a major strength of the alliance. NAPHRO is an executive level forum that meets once a quarter to address issues, opportunities and challenges confronting the health research enterprise across the country. As an alliance, it is a recognized and trusted resource, facilitator of partnerships, and a convener of dialogue on issues related to the health research enterprise in Canada. NAPHRO’s primary role is to facilitate coordination, communication, strategic alignment, convergence, and quality leadership through inter-provincial and national efforts. The spirit of NAPHRO is reflected in its core values: (i) Respect for priorities of NAPHRO member organizations; (ii) Accountability & transparency in decision-making, (iii) Fairness, inclusiveness, and good faith; (iv) Confidentiality of all information presented unless otherwise indicated.”*

MOVERS AND SHAKERS of the week: I attended the CDA-organized dinner with NB MLAs and I present this National-Atlantic-New Brunswick health charity, and the LiveWell program with GNB and MedavieBlueCross as a model of collaboration in preventive and primary care medicine.



Wishing you all a good week.

- Dr. Bruno Battistini, President & CEO – Scientific Director, NBHRF

## Announcements:



**Congratulation's to the 2015 ALS Canada-Brain Canada Discovery Grant**, Dr. Pier Jr Morin. For more, [click here](#).

**TVN Fall Newsletter now available.** For more, [click here](#).

**Healthy Aging Collaborative Newsletter now available.** For more, [click here](#).

**CIHR: Update on the 2016 1<sup>st</sup> Project Grant Live Pilot Competition:**

### **\*Summary of Research Proposal**

CIHR has heard concerns regarding the requirement for the Project Grant summary of research proposal to remain unchanged between registration and applications. They have made the decision to **allow changes to the research summary at the application stage**. For more, [click here](#).

### **\*Questions and Answer Webinar**

CIHR will be hosting a series of Questions and Answer webinar beginning in January 2016 to provided applications and research administrators an opportunity to ask questions about the Project Grant application. [Click here](#), to register.

Update on 2015 Foundation Live Pilot Competition

The summary of the results of Stage 1 and an update on Stage 2 of the 2015 Foundation Grant live pilot competition is now available on CIHR's website.

## Funding Opportunities:



**NBHRF Summer Studentships:** Deadline Dec. 15, 2015. For more information, [click here](#).

**CIHR Funding Opportunities posted between November 19 and December 9**

**New Investigator Salary Award: KRESCENT / CIHR New Investigator Award (2016)**

**\* Operating Grant: SPOR PIHCI Network: National Coordinating Office**

**\* Other: Planning and Dissemination Grants – Institute/Initiative Community Support (Winter 2016 Competition)**

**\* Team Grant: Big Data on Dementia**

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.

**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

### Job Opportunities:



**CHAIRE DE RECHERCHE INTERDISCIPLINAIRE EN SANTÉ MENTALE DES ENFANTS ET DES JEUNES.** Deadline: December 15th, 2015 Start Date : July 1st, 2016  
For more information or to apply contact (506) 858-4310 Université de Moncton; (506) 863-2249 Medical information Centre of New Brunswick; [fesr@umoncton.ca](mailto:fesr@umoncton.ca) and [cfmnb@umoncton.ca](mailto:cfmnb@umoncton.ca)

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### Events & Meetings:



**The Annual Public Meeting of the Canada Foundation for Innovation** will be held at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier in Ottawa on Tuesday, December 15 from 8 to 10 a.m. Guest Speaker will be Professor Bartha Maria Knoppers of McGill University. RSVP by Dec. 2 to 613-947-3885 or [APM-APA@innovation.ca](mailto:APM-APA@innovation.ca).

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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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**Grant Proposal Writing Workshop: 2016 CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grant** – Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Halifax, NS. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

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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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### Articles in the Press:



Dr. Uber will see you now – White Coat, Black Art. For more, [click here](#).