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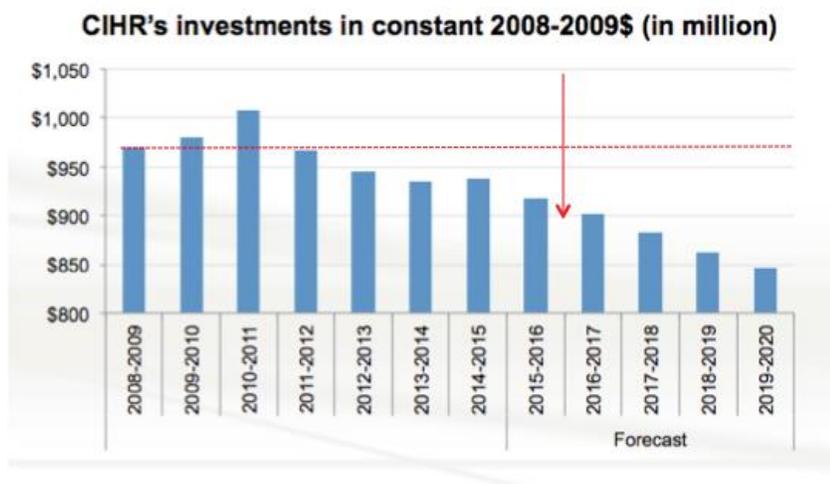
NBHRF and its Board of Directors are pleased to announce next year 2016 round of Researcher-of-the-month (ROM), leading to the Gala of Excellence on Nov. 3, 2016, includes 15 nominees to be presented starting in January to October 2016. We are going back-to-the-future for this year competition in presenting new or young (health research) investigators (that we define as researchers holding a professorship with less than 10 years of experience) as per our first rotation back in 2013. Since then, the province has welcomed new health researchers and we have also identified others that were not part of the first competition.

I also want to discuss with you the recent article in the Ottawa Citizen by Dr. Rudnicki entitled “Demoralized scientists demand changes at \$1B health research agency”. To start with, I’d say that for the CIHR President to have weathered some of the 9 years of the previous federal government’s austerity measures regarding CIHR’s budget and reorganization, is quite respectable; actually, he has been as progressive and creative as one could be in turbulent times.

It remains that change creates some uncertainty and cannot initially bring consensus. We have to move forward into a brave new world that must include more interdisciplinary, inter-professional, and patient-centred care oriented-research, because Interdisciplinary practice helps hospitals and improves collaboration and outcomes. It even improves discovery in basic science.

The reality is that while funding has not increased, the number of applicants has increased and the cost of conducting research is not going down, resulting in one of the lowest success rates (<15%) in history. Basic research is still very well cared for, primarily via the bottom-up “Foundation” and “Project” (investigator-initiated operating support / OOGP) funding schemes which still represent 50% of the \$1B provided every year. Let’s keep in mind also that there are 4 pillars of research and 62% of all that funding still goes to biomedical pillar 1. Thus, pillar 4 - population health researchers, continue to be unhappy. A lot of basic research is also happening within all of the SPOR and CCNA initiatives (about ¼to<30% of CIHR’s remaining \$1B budget). Let’s also talk about the haves-and-the-have-nots; 6 smaller Canadian provinces (look carefully at the non-success of the Foundation Grant results in my previous eNewsletter) versus Dr. Rudnicki who is based in the National Capital (a have-province) and his and others’ views on the “distorted” peer-review system. It is now better (though face-to-face meetings have value, the cost to organize and maintain is increasing) but still not perfect (there are now 5 reviewers for each application versus the previous model of 2 reviewers + 1 reader within the larger committee). Even with this change, having peer-reviewers reviewing researchers from within the same province is quite debatable.

The solution is a more strategic funding model that answers the needs of the system such as the sub-populations of high-end users, and the challenges of some therapeutic areas, chronic / aging conditions, while allowing academic freedom for basic discovery. The expectation is that health research becomes more efficient in KTT (knowledge translation and training / education and transfer of best practices) to our health care systems across Canada that currently spend \$230B in care and \$29B in collective pharma-care. If we can demonstrate that all pillars are effective and efficient in advancing and developing the knowledge economy through the health research “enterprise”, we can convince the federal government to invest the additional \$400M per year in CIHR’s lagging budget to correct the last several years of disengagement and as a result sustain inflation and bring the success rate to about 30%. To that effect, duplicated federal institutions should be merged (Brain Canada folded into CIHR), CFREF abolished, and if a “Canada Institute for Health Innovation-CIHI” (not to confuse with the existing CIHI-Canadian Institute for Health Information), or “Healthcare Innovation Fund” (last term used in the Report from Advisory Panel on Healthcare Innovation), is to be created, we should regroup existing and related agencies and organizations into one single shop to promote and act on innovation, thereby cutting the administrative burden. Along the way, a better structure needs to be developed to support smaller centers (that also achieve excellence in health research) across all Canada.



For your reference:

Ottawa Citizen – [New science minister promises more support for basic research](#)

Ottawa Citizen – [Ottawa researcher to students: Don't be scientists due to 'dismal outlook'](#)

Ottawa Citizen – ['Demoralized' scientist demand changes at \\$1B health research agency](#)

Globe & Mail – [The research challenge Canada faces](#)

Wishing you all a good week.

- Dr. B

Announcements:



NEWS ON CLINICAL TRAILS – Clinical Trails NB (CTNB)

NBHRF, founder of CTNB as a member of CCTCC and CCTAM, is introducing this new item in our eNewsLetter:

NEW CANCER TRIAL ALERT – [click here](#) to see this week's new trials; you can also view this trial on [ClinicalTrials.gov](#)

The news' alerts are sponsored by the [Canadian Partnership Against Cancer](#)



SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

SPPOMY – Shaping Purpose® Program on Military and Youth Dr. Edward Youzda, Dr. Julie Devlin, Dr. Shakeela Khan, Anita Punamiya, Damon Goodwin Presented at CIMVHR (Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research) in Quebec City
NBHRF was a financial co-sponsor through our HRP-Strategic Initiative Program

Funding Opportunities:



NBHRF Summer Studentships: Deadline Dec. 15, 2015 <http://www.nbhrf.com/nbhrf-summer-studentships>

The Cancer Research Society (CRS / SRC – Société de Recherche en Cancer) is pleased to announce the launch of its 2016 Operating Grants Competition.

Awarding operating grants annually is the principal means by which the Cancer Research Society fulfills its mission to support fundamental research, early translational and environment-cancer in the broad field of cancer and contribute to the advancement of science aimed at preventing, detecting and treating this disease. The Cancer Research Society Operating Grants Competition is open to researchers across Canada.

Deadlines:

- Submission of Letter of Intent: **Dec. 7, 2015** (Form available online on Nov. 9, 2015)
- Submission of Full Application: **Feb. 17, 2016** (Form available online on Dec. 18, 2015)

For any questions, please contact Lucille Beaudet or Irina Navarrete at grants@src-crs.ca or call 514 861-9227, toll free 1 888-766-2262. For more, [click here](#).

Parkinson's Society Canada announces our 2016- 2018 National Research Program Funding Cycle

IMPORTANT DATES

November 23, 2015

Release Date – Request for Applications

February 1, 2016 (5:00 p.m. EDT)

Application Deadline (date of receipt)

[Applications submitted on line through the PSC Website](#)

CURRENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

(Click on the grant / award title for full descriptions and eligibility)

The **Canadian Institutes of Health Research: Project Scheme** is designed to capture ideas with the greatest potential to advance health-related knowledge, health research, health care, health systems, and/or health outcomes. It supports projects with a specific purpose and a defined endpoint. The best ideas may stem from new, incremental, innovative, and/or high-risk lines of inquiry or knowledge translation approaches. The Project Scheme is expected to:

- Support a diverse portfolio of health-related research and knowledge translation projects at any stage, from discovery to application, including commercialization;
- Contribute to the creation and use of health-related knowledge;
- Promote relevant collaborations across disciplines, professions, and sectors.

One of the expectations of the Project Scheme is to support a diverse portfolio of health-related research and knowledge translation projects at any stage, from discovery to application, including commercialization. To support this expectation, CIHR will establish a minimum threshold of funded knowledge translation and commercialization projects that include a Partnered/Integrated Knowledge Translation approach.

Registration Deadline: January 8th, 2016 **Application Deadline:** February 16, 2016

<https://www.researchnet/recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtIs.do?prog=2237&printfriendly=true>

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

- **WHAT:** Apply to the EXTRA: Executive Training Program
- **WHEN:** Application deadline is February 15, 2016. Work starts April 2016.
- **WHY:** Build organizational and leadership to achieve breakthrough innovations resulting in better care, better health and better value.

[Learn more](#) from former fellows Martine Couture and Lynn Edwards on the [December 2, 2015 informational call](#).

[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.

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 and cfmnb@umoncton.ca

Events & Meetings:



CFHI On Call Webinar Series: Towards Cultural Competency, Safety and Humility to Improve Health and Healthcare for First Nations - On Dec. 1st at 12 PM EST, take part in our *Towards Cultural Competency, Safety and Humility to Improve Health and Healthcare for First Nations* webinar as we explore the BC experience of developing the Declaration and the first steps towards embedding cultural safety and humility into the health system. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

[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.

Register for the webinar on [Tuesday, December 8 at 1:00 pm ^ 2:00 pm Eastern Time](#)

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.

~~Free RESEARCH WEBINAR: Wednesday, December 2, 2015 2 noon ET - Antipsychotics for management of delirium: a systemic review (Final Results of TVN-funded Knowledge Synthesis Grant project); (Lisa Burry, Mount Sinai Hospital). [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)~~

Canada Research Data Centre Webinars:

Delivering Health Care Services Through Information Technology: Are Patients Willing and Able to? With Marcello Tonelli, Cumming School of Medicine, University of Alberta. December 2, 2015 from 1:00-2:15 pm (Eastern Time). For more info, [click here](#).

CIRH Institute of Population and Public Health: Upcoming conference submissions, all for abstracts, upcoming events and awards.

[Call for Abstracts: 4th Wellbeing at Work Conference](#) Deadline: 2015/12/01

Canadian Actions to Advance Work on Health Equity and the Social Determinants of Health Webinar 2015/12/10 [Register now!](#)

[Fourth Global Symposium on Health Systems Research](#) Vancouver British Columbia
Call for Abstracts Deadline 2016/03/20

Focus webinar: Different approaches to defining high users: Who are we catching, who are we missing- [Register now!](#)

CHNET Upcoming Webinars:

December 1st 2-3pm: [Continuing down the path: doing the work of improving health equity and addressing the challenges of organizational change](#)

December 2nd, 215 1-2:30 pm: [Nobody's Perfect - Engaging Dads in Parenting Programs/ Y'a personne de parfait - Participation des pères aux programmes à l'intention des parents](#)

December 9th, 215 1-2:30 pm: [Knocking on Doors and Breaking Down Walls: Advocacy for Immigrant and Refugee Children](#)

December 1th, 2015 1-2 pm: [Canadian Actions to Advance Work on Health Equity and the Social Determinants of Health / Mesures canadiennes pour faire progresser le travail en matière d'équité en santé et de déterminants sociaux de la santé](#)

Aging in Place Forum-Save the Date! December 9th in Moncton, NB at the Four Points Sheraton. Registration is available on line until December 4th at <http://fluidsurveys.com/s/forumregistrationdec92015/>

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

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

Working with the US National Institute of Health (NIH) – Dec. 2nd Halifax, NS. For more information and to register, [click here](#).