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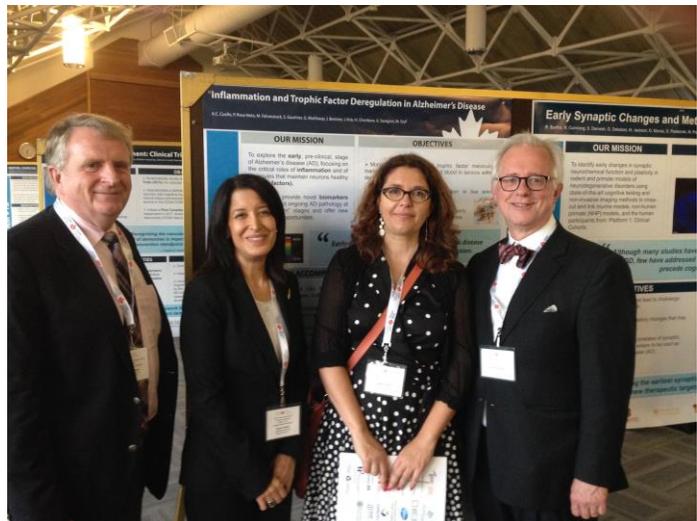
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Editorial:

In the past weeks, the NB Medical Society / Canadian Medical Association held a Roundtable on Seniors Care (Sept.21-22; for website / info, [click here](#)) and, on Sept. 23-25 York Care Center's 8th Annual Excellence in Aging Care Symposium ([symposium website](#)) took place at the Wesleyan Church in Fredericton. Both events generated notable press coverage.

Last week, we participated in the first annual conference of the new national CIHR-CCNA (Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration and Aging; www.ccna-ccnv.ca) project, an undertaking of \$32.855M involving CIHR, several national charities (such as the Alzheimer Society of Canada) and foundations, provincial health research foundations (such as NBHRF), and the private sector (Sanofi, Pfizer) across Canada for the next 5 years. We have one of ten seats on the national oversight committee of this exciting and game-changing program. New Brunswick has 2



Dr Paul-Emile Bourque (UdeMoncton), Dr Sarah Pakzad (UdeMoncton), Dr Isabelle Marie Vedel (McGill University) & Dr Ken Rockwood (Dalhousie University)

projects, one in theme 2 (COMPASS-ND clinical trial) with Dr. Jarrett et al. from HHN-SJRH and one in theme 3 (team 19-on memory clinics in primary care settings) with Dr. Pakzad et al. from U de Moncton. Dr Pakzad's project, which involves a senior care nursing home – York Care Centre, is a one-of-a kind project in Canada.

NBHRF continues to facilitate and gather stakeholders in NB, with the help of the AIA (Atlantic Institute on Aging), to participate in the national health research agenda on aging. NBHRF would also like to involve you into two national Centres of Excellence (NCE) one completing its first cycle of five years (Technology Evaluation in the Elderly Network - (www.tvn-nce.ca)) and now applying for renewal, and a new one just starting AgeWell - (www.agewell-nce.ca) that will have its first annual gathering in a few weeks to which we are sending a NB representative. It is by studying and participating in these types of national programs that we will contribute to and learn of the challenge at hand especially in our province, and why health research outcomes and knowledge transfer are a vital part of any concerted strategic efforts in aging.

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

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The chart below highlights abstract submissions for the prestigious national Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (Oct. 23-27, 2015), New Brunswick, with the help of organizations such as NBHRF, has been very productive, outperforming provinces such as Newfoundland and Saskatchewan and, more importantly, coming in right behind provinces such as Nova Scotia and Manitoba.

Count of PUBLISHING TITLE	Column Labels			
Row Labels	Abstract	Clinical Case	Workshop	Grand Total
Canada	539	13	29	581
AB	71		5	76
Alberta Health Services	4			4
Libin Cardiovascular Institute of Alberta	10		2	12
Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute	9			9
Stephenson Cardiac Imaging Centre	4			4
University of Alberta	27		3	30
University of Calgary	17			17
BC	45	1	3	49
MB	15	7		22
NB	10			10
NL	1	1		2
NS	15		1	16
ON	233	3	13	249
QC	146	1	7	154
SK	3			3
International	35	3		38
Grand Total	574	16	29	619

These encouraging data confirm that the province of New Brunswick is performing at a high level and has become competitive with many other provincial jurisdictions of comparable size and stature. These data also establish that Saint John is truly the centre for cardiovascular research in this province. With your ongoing support, we will continue to excel in this domain and rapidly become regional and national leaders.



Ontario Brain Institute Announces New President & Scientific Director



Hugh MacKinnon, Chair of the Ontario Brain Institute's Board of Directors, is delighted to announce that after an extensive international search, **Dr. Tom Mikkelsen** will join OBI as President & Scientific Director.

Following a distinguished career in the U.S. as one of the top neuro-oncologists with the Henry Ford Medical Group, Dr. Mikkelsen will be returning to his native Canada to drive the Ontario Brain Institute forward as its new leader. Dr. Mikkelsen received his MD from the University of Calgary and completed clinical training in neurology at the Montreal Neurological Institute.

Following this, he did postdoctoral training in tumour and molecular biology at the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research in Montreal and then in La Jolla, California. Since 1992, he has led the brain tumour program at Henry Ford

Hospital and was responsible for building the clinical trials program and laboratory of tumour biology. Together with other scientists, he helped assemble the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center, a leader in the understanding of the genetics of brain tumours and in the development of treatments for brain tumours. As Co-Director, he participated in the organization's development on many levels spanning from face-to-face clinical care, to clinical trials, and translational and bench research.

In his new role, Dr. Mikkelsen will spearhead OBI's management team to maximize the impact of neuroscience and the position of Ontario as a world leader in brain research, commercialization and care.

To learn more about OBI, join us at: www.braininstitute.ca.



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Eric Laberge

President,
Medavie Blue Cross

Medavie Blue Cross is delighted to announce the appointment of Eric Laberge as President. Eric joined us in 2012 with over 20 years' experience as a recognized leader with major consulting firms. Most recently, he was Senior Vice President, Group Business, where he made significant contributions to our vision as a transformational health organization.

Based out of Montreal, Eric brings a strong industry background to his new role and has proven his ability to generate business results while ensuring the client experience is central to everything we do.

Medavie Blue Cross is part of Medavie, an integrated health services company. Together with Medavie EMS, we are dedicated to improving the health of all Canadians through integrating benefits management, health management and health care delivery.

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Career/Job Opportunities:



Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research: Director of Finance & Corporate Service. Deadline: Oct. 19, 2015. For more information & to apply, [click here](#).

Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research: Director of Strategy. Deadline: Oct. 26, 2015. For more information & to apply, [click here](#).

Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research: Senior Manager – Evaluation & Impact Analysis. Deadline: Oct. 26, 2015. For more information & to apply, [click here](#).

Call for Proposals: CRC Tier 2 (NSERC) – Bases on UNB's current CRC allocation, faculties on both campuses are invited to submit proposals for an available CRC Tier 2 (NSERC) position.

Deadline (for Deans to bring forward research concepts and potential candidates): **Thursday Nov. 12, 2015.** For more details and to submit an application email Cindy Gillet at cgillet@unb.ca

Events & Meetings:



Alberta Innovates and the National Alliance of Provincial Health Research Funders (NAPHRO) Forum – Oct. 19, 2015. The focus of the forum is to share best practices and lessons learned in implementing the Canadian Academy of Health Science (CAHS) Impact. Registration is now open. For more information and to register, [click here](#).



Canadian Cardiovascular Congress Meeting – The 2015 Canadian Cardiovascular Congress (CCC) is being held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC), in Toronto, Ontario from Saturday, October 24 to Tuesday, October 27, 2015. For more information & registration, [click here](#).



BiomedCon 2015

October 30 | University of Manitoba | [REGISTER](#)

The Biomedical Engineering symposium allows you to learn about biomedical engineering - and what it offers. Create business and academic partnerships, discover funding opportunities, discuss issues in biomedical engineering, and exhibit your biomedical work, projects, or companies.

New Brunswick Health Research Conference – Nov. 3-4, 2015 at the Delta Fredericton.

Register now, [click here](#)



3rd Annual Gala of Excellence which this year will be celebrating Clinical Health Researchers in New Brunswick. To get a single ticket or table for the Gala, [click here](#). If you have any questions please contact the NBHRF office at [506-455-8886](tel:506-455-8886) or via [email](#).



Health Technology Assessment.

The **2016 CADTH Symposium Program Committee** invites submission of abstracts for workshops, panels, breakfast sessions, and oral and poster presentations, related to the theme of **Evidence for Everyone: Expanding the Reach of**

Abstracts must be submitted online at [Call for Abstracts](#). **Submission Deadline: Friday, Oct 30, 2015.** Questions may be sent by email to symposium@cadth.ca. For more, [click here](#).

Articles in the Press:



Premier Gallant was in Montreal, QC on Oct. 5th with Opportunities New Brunswick.

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LE PREMIER MINISTRE DU NOUVEAU-BRUNSWICK
Brian Gallant

cordially invites you to a private reception
Monday, October 5
5:00 - 7:00 pm
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