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Message from the President & CEO - Science Director: ON THE AGENDA THIS FALL

Already post-Labor Day weekend! As we are entering the second half of this fiscal year, it will be for me and the NBHRF Team quite busy with GNB and NBHRF activities: 7th Annual Conference, 3rd Gala of Excellence (Nov.3-4), 7th Annual Report 2014-15, and new communications on "*Health Research in NB and You*" - to engage all stakeholders, policy-makers and NB population alike -, "NB BioMed Cities: One of (superscript) One" - to forge inter cities partnerships, optimizing resources and expertise and avoiding duplications between NB cities and institutions -, and the 1st Health & Biomedical Research "*Breakfast with the MLAs*". One cannot escape also the strategic review (like two fundamentals: death and taxes) that may directly affect our ability to fund and build capacity of the knowledge economy via health research and innovation.

We have a new board with 8 / 15 new members, welcome to all (visit <http://www.nbhrf.com/board-directors>) led by our new Board Chair, Ms. Monique Imbeault (see add on our website that was published all around the province). I also express my sincere gratitude to several previous board members that served for some over the past 2 terms, over 6 years.

Results from CIHR-eHIPP competition are coming by Sept.30-Oct.1-2. The CIHR-SPOR-Chronic Disease Networks' submission are being finalized, so are new CIHR-PHSI applications, and all other SPOR have structured their operations. On July 27, 2015 the registration to the second Foundation live pilot competition closed. CIHR received 1053 registrations to the competition.

I wish you all a great start to this fall as NBHRF will pursue relentlessly on its vision and strategic plan (>2013-14) approved by NBHRF Board, including award and grant' programs that build capacity and sustained our best Centres, Institutes and Networks, to be more competitive on the national scene and grasp more federal funding.

Dr. Bruno Battistini

Top Story: Call for Posters for the 7th Annual New Brunswick Health Research Conference!

Health researchers will have the opportunity to showcase their research projects and a panel of judges will award 11 awards to students and/ or health professionals. For more information link to our Poster Calls web page. <http://www.nbhrf.com/poster-calls>

Deadline to submit your poster abstract is October 1st, 2015 at 4 p.m.

Conference dates: November 3rd and 4th 2015 at the Delta Fredericton.

Announcements: Trucker's Wellness Workshop



On September 1st an interesting conversation took place with a group of professionals collaborating to better the lives of the commercial truck driver. Initiated by MLA Dorothy Shephard, the conversation was primed by Michel Johnson PhD, Université de Moncton, with a presentation on the health challenges that truckers face and the looming crisis in recruitment to the profession. His presentation outlined a \$67 billion a year industry in Canada with 270,000 plus truckers.

The industry faces an aging workforce, low recruitment numbers and work conditions that shorten the lives of those who choose to be commercial drivers. The health literacy of drivers seems to correlate directly to their level of education and most develop chronic conditions before seeking any help.

Further challenges are derived from a highly competitive industry where "wellness investments" are not prioritized or measured.

Dr. Anil Adishes, JD Irving Limited Research Chair Occupational Medicine Dalhousie School of Medicine, joined the conversation with a briefing "Truckers Health Improvement Strategy (THIS)". He continued to build on the profile of truckers; discussing how the economy's

dependence on this profession has not evolved to deter the bad lifestyle habits, and how a multitude of health risks over-shadow the profession.

The briefing offers a proposal for a two phase project beginning with data collection then progressing to an implementation of a program of primary care intervention within a workplace environment.

The remainder of the participants included Lorna MacMillan: Labour Canada, Gerard Adams: WorkSafe NB, Jean Marc Picard: Executive Director of the Atlantic Provinces Trucker's Association, Dr. David Elias: President of Canada Health Solutions Inc., Doug Myles, Megan Parsons and Lorilynn Demarchi: Irving Oil Big Stops, Gaston Losier: Losier Consultants and MLAs Bill Oliver, Jeff Carr.

All who participated felt that short term initiatives and long term initiatives could be realized through a collaboration of efforts. All agreed the time to act could not be postponed and a "next meeting" in October was agreed upon.

Funding Opportunities:



Alzheimer Society Canada 2016 **Research Competition now open**. For more, [click here](#).

Career/Job Opportunities:



Universite de Moncton: Mind The Heart - Best Practices for Prevention, Early Identification and Treatment of Mood and Anxiety Disorders in Men with Heart is in the process of hiring a **NATIONAL PROJECT COORDINATOR**

1 year contract with the possibility for renewal for a maximum of 3 years. For more, [click here](#).

Events & Meetings:



CIHR-IPPH - Call for solutions! [Sparking Population Health Solutions](#), an International Summit
Deadline: 24/09/2015

On Call Webinars Resume this Fall: Season nine of On Call webinars starts Oct. 1 with a great mix of free sessions on improvement methods and tools, results of recent CFHI programming and upcoming opportunities.

Some highlights:

- Oct. 1:** Harkness Fellowship in Health Care Policy and Practice
- Oct. 14:** Data Boot Camp: How to Get Your Data into Shape (3-part series)
Part 1: Introduction to Healthcare Data for Improvement
- Oct. 21:** A Collaborative Approach to a Chronic Care Problem in Canada: Evaluative Results from the Atlantic Healthcare Collaboration (3-part series)

[See the full line-up >>](#)

CFHI's Lead Faculty on the INSPIRED COPD collaborative visits Cambridge, UK and Cleveland Clinic, USA

Dr. Graeme Rocker, Medical Director of the INSPIRED COPD Outreach Program™ visited the University of Cambridge in June to speak about the program which serves patients and families living with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). The INSPIRED COPD Outreach Program™ is being rolled out by 19 CFHI-supported organizations across all ten Canadian provinces. The team at the Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge was instrumental in helping Dr. Rocker to develop the evaluation strategy for the INSPIRED COPD Outreach Program™, based in Halifax, NS.

+ ERA-Can+ Information Sessions in London, Toronto and Halifax in September
Universities Canada and its ERA-Can+ partners invite you to attend one of our upcoming information sessions to learn more about [Horizon 2020](#). Horizon 2020 is the European Union's largest research and innovation program ever with nearly €80 billion in funding available over 7 years. Participants will come away with a better understanding of:

- the structure of the Horizon 2020 program,
- the mechanisms by which Canadians can participate in Horizon 2020, and
- upcoming opportunities for collaboration with European partners.

More details, agendas and registration [click here](#).

