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## Editorial – NBHRF President & CEO:

This month of September 2015 marks the mid-point for the New Brunswick CIHR-SPOR-Support Unit, also called [MSSU](#) (for it is a Maritime-wide initiative on knowledge translation and use of big data from our healthcare system and other government large-scale datasets). It also aligns with the earlier launch this year by our Minister of Innovation of the [NB-IRDT](#).

This week was marked by the announcement that the [American](#) Blue Cross Blue Shield Association launches a massive database, jumping into big data...in a big way. All of its 36 member companies will contribute healthcare quality and cost information, which the company bills as the "largest database in the healthcare industry, securing cost data from more than 2.3 billion procedures each year, from 96 percent of all hospitals in the country and 92 percent of doctors", according to the BCBSA. That data will also reflect more than \$350 billion in annual claims, 36 million provider records and information from every ZIP code in the country. For more, [click here](#).

Data is a strategic asset, and it is needed to step up the amount of information made available to all government / decision-makers in our Canadian system, employers, members and provider partners, taking data to the next level. We can all benefit by using the data to benchmark care delivery patterns and to drive more coordinated, patient-centered care.

- Dr. Bruno Battistini

## Announcements:



Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 was World Alzheimer's Day and September marks Alzheimer's Month. The organization was pleased to announce that along with their Alzheimer Society Research Program they were able to reach their fundraising goal plus the matching contribution of their CEO leaves \$50,000 that will go towards funding research projects across Canada.

In the article the Alzheimer's Society introduces the Alzheimer Society Research Program (ASRP) researchers: Dr. Eva Vico Varla, Dr. Donald Weaver and Dr. Alex Mihailidis. Dr. Weaver was a keynote speaker at the 6<sup>th</sup> NBHR Conference and Dr. Mihailidis was a keynote speaker at the 2013 CIHR Best Brain Exchange and a member of the expert panel of the 2014- CIHR-NBHRF-eHIPP workshop here in NB.

If you haven't yet donated and would like to, [click here](#). Congratulations to the Alzheimer Society and their fundraising success.

## Career/Job Opportunities:



**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](mailto: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](#).

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### 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.

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

Register now, [click here](#)



**3<sup>rd</sup> 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](#).

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8th – 10th October 2015 | MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

**3rd International Conference** on Youth Mental Health

Transformations: **Next Generation Youth Mental Health**

For more information & registration, [click here](#)

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### Annual Reports of Partners:



**TVN Annual Report 2014-2015: Technology Evaluation in the Elderly network.** To read, [click here](#).

**Canadian Cancer Clinical Trails Network (3CTN) Annual Report 2014-2015.** To read, [click here](#).

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### Articles in the Press:



**N.B. is 'canary in the coal mine' when it comes to senior care.** For more, [click here](#).

**Medical schools start teaching students about healthcare costs.** For more, [click here](#).

**5 ways Canada's federal government has supported Canadians with dementia.** For more, [click here](#).

**Research Canada Blog – Your Candidates. Your Health.** For more, [click here](#).

**Les dépenses en R&D toujours en baisse au Canada.** For more, [click here](#).