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Dear Stakeholders of the New Brunswick Health Research Enterprise:

One can imagine that there are a lot of items on the agenda and topics to discuss since our last e-NewsLetter four weeks ago.

Eventful, and even connected. Federal Health Minister Philpott came to visit New Brunswick on June 21 – Aboriginal Day quite appropriately - and toured Saint John DMNB labs and then met on the UNB-SJ campus with the leaders and stakeholders of all our SPORs 1-2-3-4. (MSSU, PIHCI, ACCESS-Open Minds-NB, and CHILD-BRIGHT, one of two Chronic Disease Networks in which NB participates).

The meeting was quite cordial, respectful, constructive and a success, based on comments shared from partners she met with in the days after meeting with us. One of our collective key message was the need to keep and sustain all CIHR-sponsored SPOR activities that we value in New Brunswick. Renewal for a second five-year term for the Maritime SPOR Support Unit is scheduled in two years.



Mr. Wayne Long, MP for Saint John-Rothesay (New Brunswick), Dr. Bruno Battistini, Dr. Shelley Doucet, Dr. Baukje Miedema, Dr. Jane Philpott, Federal Minister of Health and Minister responsible for CIHR, Ms. Alaina Lockhart, MP for Fundy Royal (New Brunswick), Dr. Ted McDonald, Me Christian Whalen, NB Child & Youth Advocate Office, Ms. Brianna Matchett youth representative and Ms. Eva Sock, representative of NB aboriginal communities.

Which leads us to the CIHR reforms, namely the peer-review system. This is a long saga that started late last year with articles in the Ottawa Citizen and flared-up on June 27 with the start of an open letter, which we now hope will move forward in a positive direction, starting with the re-establishment of face-to-face meetings (post-triage at stage 2) of committees (and that we all realize comes with a \$cost), but most interestingly, the affirmative action of using this 2016-2017 year's increase in the federal budget-line of \$30M for CIHR for young investigator awards and grants. This is a sign that maybe, just maybe, a new deal can be implemented to support smaller Canadian provinces in need of capacity building in biomedical health research. To educate and make up your own mind, assess the motives of some and where they are from, what's in it for them and their institutions in given provinces, and the tone and words of journalists in reporting the process, consult this non-exhaustive list of chronologically-listed articles below. It remains that the core of the challenge is that only 13 per cent of the scientists applying for money will be successful; results just came out on Friday July 15 (<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/49855.html>). More detailed analyses to come in our next e-NewsLetter.

1-June 28-[Scientists urge health minister to stop 'failed experiment' at CIHR](#) (Ottawa Citizen-Elizabeth Payne)

2-June 28-[Scientists protest in frustration over federal research funding chaos](#) (CBC News – Kelly Crowe)

3-July 5-[Health minister calls emergency meeting to deal with CIHR reform revolt](#) (Ottawa Citizen-Elizabeth Payne)

4-July 6-[Health minister orders emergency meeting with furious scientists](#) (CBC News-Kelly Crowe)

5-July 12-[Canada's research regime in need of major surgery](#) (Globe&Mail – André Picard)

6-July 13-[Working Meeting to discuss CIHR peer review processes](#)

7-July 13-[Working Meeting of the Health Research Community: Proposed Agenda](#)

8-July 13-[Statement from the Minister of Health: Outcomes of the working meeting of the health research community](#)

9-July 13-[Scientists win peer rebellion; face-to-face review is restored](#) (CBC News-Kelly Crowe)

10-July 13-[CIHR backs down from research financing reform](#) (Ottawa Citizen-Elizabeth Payne)

While correcting CIHR underfunding would be key to NB economic growth relative to the new / knowledge economy, ACOA also presented its Atlantic Growth Strategy: Building a vibrant economic future for Atlantic Canada. I remain realistic in hoping that this institution engages more into biomedical health research (which is more and distinct from biosciences) which is key to the alley of Innovation, in comparison to the overall investment portfolio in other fields , in comparison to what was invested in NS and Nfld and in comparison to what is done by FedDev and WestDev in other provinces. NBHRF stands ready to engage, align, and be accountable for joint investments, building on exiting and new provincial and federal priorities and initiatives.

<http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?mthd=advSrch&ctr.mnthndVI=&ctr.mnthStrtVI=&ctr.page=3&nid=1093849&ctr.yrndVI=&ctr.kw=&ctr.yrStrtVI=&ctr.dyStrtVI=&ctr.dyndVI>

On further positive send-off news until the next e-NewsLetter of August 15, we congratulate Dr. Etienne Hebert-Chatelain (U de Moncton) on becoming the first ever recipient of a grant from the Alzheimer Society of Canada – National Program, co-funded by Brain Canada, NBHRF and the U de Moncton; Dr. Tracey Rickards from UNB as one of the first CIHR-ECRA (embedded clinician researcher) awardees for the next four years (on Sealing the cracks for priority populations with the Fredericton Downtown Community Health Centre) co-sponsored by NBHRF ( we are also working to get our 2<sup>nd</sup> submission revisited and approved); Dr. Erik Scheme, an NBHRF grantee, for his tenure track Assistant Professor. position as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, in the UNB Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering; and also Ms. France Dubé, a New Brunswick native working in Toronto, formally from Lilly, for a new position at Roche responsible for Federal Government Relations and Health Policy. We also salute Dr. Remi Quirion, who's mandate has been renewed for a 2<sup>nd</sup> five year term as the 'Scientifique-en-Chef' in Québec. Soricimed, one of NB's biopharma start-up companies has also appointed its renewed Clinical Advisory Board comprised of outstanding clinicians / health researchers. We note the departure of Mr. Jonathan Dyer and thank him for his solid work as MSSU patient engagement coordinator (which means that a new position just opened – hint-hint).

Note: On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the NCE-AgeWell team is in-town. Contact us to participate in the workshop. ([info@nbhrf.com](mailto:info@nbhrf.com) or 506-455-8886)

I wish you all good coming weeks.

Dr. Bruno Battistini  
President, CEO & Scientific Director  
NBHRF

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## Announcements:



### Call for Nominations Research Canada: An Alliance for Health Discovery's 2016 Leadership Award

Research Canada's Leadership Award is presented to either an individual or organization who/which has made outstanding efforts in advocating for Canadian health research at the local, provincial and/or national level. You are invited to disseminate this information with your respective award offices and networks.

To nominate an individual or organization, please review the [Eligibility Criteria](#).

Please complete the Nomination Form. All nominations should be submitted no later than **July 29, 2016**

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## Funding / Granting Opportunities:



### Healthy Minds Canada is pleased to announce TWO \$25,000 research grants available for workplace depression!

#### [Eligible Areas of Research:](#)

The focus of research proposals must be in line with any of the following areas of research: Research assessing the impact of rapid and early optimization of treatment on depression and level of functional improvement in workplace productivity, presenteeism and absenteeism, research assessing the impact of rapid and early optimization of treatment to minimize depression relapse in the workplace; Research exploring the impact of rapid and early optimization of treatment to minimize the incidence of/mitigate the risks for depression in the workplace (i.e. - quality improvement research).

Please do share this e-mail with your colleagues and community. Also attached is a printable flyer. If you'd like some mailed, please provide your mailing address and let me know how many you'd like. We'll happily ship them to you!

For more information, please visit <http://healthymindscanada.ca/awards/>

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### Wilfred and Joyce Posluns Chair in Women's Brain Health and Aging

Application Deadline: **September 6, 2016**. For More Information:

- [Funding Opportunity on CIHR ResearchNet](#)
- [Government of Canada News Release](#)
- [CNW News Release](#)

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### Funding Opportunity Announcement: Challenge of Dementia in Indigenous Populations

The Canadian Institute of Aging is pleased to announce the new CIHR funding opportunity on the **Challenge of Dementia in Indigenous Populations** has been launched. The funding opportunity intends to provide support for dementia care research that uses community-based participatory methods with rural and/or urban Indigenous populations. Funding will also work to iteratively build capacity among Indigenous scholars and students in dementia research.

Application deadline: 2016-09-23 [Click here](#) for more information.

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### Emerging Research Leaders Fund (ERLI) – Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada

The Heart and Stroke Foundation (HSF) is pleased to announce the launch of the Emerging Research Leaders Initiative (ERLI). This multi-partnered initiative led by HSF includes organizational partners from non-profit, government, industry, and emerging / existing networks. Partners include the New Brunswick Health Research Foundation, Pfizer Canada Inc., Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé (FRQS), the Canadian Stroke Prevention Intervention Network (C-SPIN) the Canadian Venous Thromboembolism Clinical Trials and Outcomes Research Network (CanVECTOR), the Canadian National Transplant Research Program (CNTRP), the Cardiac Arrhythmia Network of Canada (CANet), the Canadian Cardiovascular Society (CCS), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

The Emerging Research Leaders Initiative (ERLI) is an establishment grant program for researchers at the transition stage from post-doctoral fellow to early professional career stage in the areas of cardiovascular and/or cerebrovascular research. For application information see <http://hsf.ca/research/en/node/1101>.

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### Operating Grant: SPOR Innovative Clinical Trail (Multi-Year Grant)

Application Deadline: October 25, 2016  
Funding Start Date: March 01, 2017

[Improving Canada's competitiveness in conducting clinical trials](#) is one of the five elements of SPOR that responds to its goals to strengthen organizational, regulatory and financial support for clinical studies in Canada, and enhance patient and clinician engagement in research. Under this element, other initiatives are already in place i.e. the Canadian Clinical Trials Coordinating Centre (CCTCC) and the Canadian Clinical Trials Asset Map.

To further the goals of this element, CIHR is launching an innovative Clinical Trials (iCT) initiative aiming to build capacity and increase the intensity of iCT research. The initiative which

comprises a suite of funding opportunities will focus primarily on comparative effectiveness and implementation science. More information can be found on the [iCT initiative](#) webpage.

<https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/viewOpportunityDetails.do?progCd=10698&language=E&fodAgency=CIHR&view=browseArchive&browseArc=true&org=CIHR>

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## Events & Meetings:



**Call for abstracts** The 2016 Fall ECCU Fest Research Committee is welcoming submissions for research presentations on point-of-care ultrasound. Those interested in submitting original research for presentation at the Conference may submit their material to [Canada@emergencyultrasound.net](mailto:Canada@emergencyultrasound.net) **no later than August 31st, 2016**. Decision letters will be sent by email to the first author by Sept 9th, 2016. All the accepted abstracts will be presented as posters and/or oral presentations at the Fall ECCU Conference in St Andrews, NB, Canada on Sept 30th, 2016. Presenters must register for the Conference ([www.ECCUfest.com](http://www.ECCUfest.com)). Additionally, accepted abstracts will be published at [www.academicemergencymedicine.net](http://www.academicemergencymedicine.net).

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**Call for abstracts** The New Brunswick Social Policy Research Network (NBSPRN) Conference will be taking place on November 21st and 22nd in Fredericton NB and the theme will be: **Open Government in Theory and in Practice**.

Please see attached for more information on the call for abstracts or follow the link below.

<http://www.govmakerconference.ca/>

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### Excellence in Aging Care Symposium, Holistic Perspectives- The Future of Aging Care September 21-23, 2016 Journey Wesleyan Church

York Care Foundation, in conjunction with York Care Centre, is thrilled to once again offer the Excellence in Aging Care Symposium. The theme, *Holistic Perspectives- The Future of Aging Care*, addresses the motivation behind our involvement in elder care. The desire to serve others is part of our humanity. Aristotle stated, "The whole is greater than the sum of its parts". This holds true for the genuine connection between people that occurs during care, both directly and indirectly. Whether it be between family members, healthcare providers and residents, or between administrators and staff, there is a certain synergy that can be felt when all parts are functioning well. When examining these relationships, we must consider the physical, mental and social/spiritual well-being of each individual. This Symposium will examine some of the complex issues facing the elder person, their families and those that are chosen to look after our most vulnerable and deserving members of the community, as well as, how we communicate with each other in this ever changing world of Social Media.

With a slate of amazing presenters, including a very informative workshop and a panel discussion, you aren't going to want to miss out on this event!

**We have 25 seats available for funding through NB Department of Social Development to RNs, LPNs of public care centres.** When registering, please ask about funding.

Here is the link to the program and registration form. Rooms are blocked at the new Hampton Inn & Suites. Book now to ensure space. **Click** for more information. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the York Care Foundation office.

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### 5th annual TVM Capital Life Science Autumn Conference 2016 taking place on Monday, September 19th in Montreal!

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LIFE SCIENCE VENTURE CAPITAL  
Autumn Conference 2016, Montreal

The conference is attended by more than 200 international participants from Asia, the United States and Europe who join the conference to network with senior decision makers from biotech and pharmaceutical companies as well as Venture Capital and investor groups. This year the conference is honored to welcome **Mr. Darren J. Carroll, Senior Vice President Corporate Business Development, Eli Lilly and Company**, as the Keynote Speaker of this year's event.



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**Invitation conjointe aux chercheurs canadiens et aux partenaires internationaux à un cocktail organisé lors de l'Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC 2016) à Toronto (Canada)**

**Joint Invitation for Canadian Researchers and International Partners to a Reception at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC 2016) in Toronto, Canada**

Nous serions heureux que vous nous rejoignez à un cocktail qui réunira des scientifiques canadiens qui travaillent dans le domaine du vieillissement, aussi bien au Canada qu'à l'étranger, ainsi que des partenaires internationaux des organisations hôte. Les participants auront l'occasion de rencontrer et d'échanger avec leurs collègues.

We hope that you will be able to join us for a cocktail reception that will bring together Canadian scientists working in the field of aging, either in Canada or abroad, as well as the international partners of the host organizations. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet and exchange with colleagues.

**Date :** Lundi 25 juillet 2016  
**Heure :** 17h45 à 19h00  
**Lieu :** Intercontinental Toronto Centre Hotel (225 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario)  
**Salle :** Caledon/Oakville  
**Inscription :** Veuillez confirmer votre présence par courriel à [lv-la@criugm.qc.ca](mailto:lv-la@criugm.qc.ca) au plus tard le **vendredi 15 juillet**. (Inclure **COCKTAIL** dans le sujet du message)

**Date:** Monday, July 25, 2016  
**Time:** 5:45 to 7:00 pm  
**Venue:** Intercontinental Toronto Centre Hotel (225 Front Street West, Toronto, Ontario)  
**Room:** Caledon/Oakville  
**Registration:** Please RSVP by email to [lv-la@criugm.qc.ca](mailto:lv-la@criugm.qc.ca) by **Friday, July 15** at the latest. (Include **RECEPTION** in the subject line)

N.B. – Les places étant limitées, les réservations seront par courriel selon la formule du « premier arrivé, premier servi ».

N.B. – As space is limited, we will be accepting RSVPs on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Job Opportunities



### Research Scientist Opportunity at the Public Health Agency of Canada

New opportunity for a [Research Scientist within the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Branch at the Public Health Agency of Canada](#). We are seeking a scientific researcher to join our team, who possesses:

A doctoral degree from a recognized post-secondary institution in a field of the natural sciences or social sciences related to the duties of the position.

Experience developing and leading policy-relevant population health intervention research projects.

Experience serving as a national expert in health promotion and chronic disease prevention with recognized expertise in using quantitative, qualitative or mixed methods research designs or approaches.

Experience making and generating significant scientific contributions or outputs over last 10 years, such as peer-reviewed journal publications, successful research proposals for funding, internal scientific reports, datasets, patents, technology transfers, reviews, books and chapters, expert panels, or involvement in advisory committees in the area of health promotion and chronic disease prevention.

Experience in writing technical reports and peer-reviewing scientific publications.

Experience orally presenting research results to scientific and policy audiences

If you are interested in applying to this open competition, please review the full statement of qualifications and apply using the link below. The **deadline to apply is July 25th 2016**. For questions, please contact Karine Bigras - Human resources Advisor ([karine.bigras@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:karine.bigras@hc-sc.gc.ca)) or Dr. Robert Geneau - Director, Science Integration Division, Social Determinants and Science Integration Directorate, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Branch ([robert.geneau@phac-aspc.gc.ca](mailto:robert.geneau@phac-aspc.gc.ca)).

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