

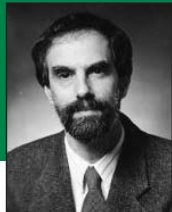
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Message from the Scientific Director



This has been an extremely productive few months!

Recognizing the importance of 'community building and networking' to IHSPR's mission, we continue to seek and create opportunities to engage with and facilitate new interactions among our community of researchers, research users, and partners across Canada. Recent initiatives include:

- Travelling to Dalhousie and Memorial universities to share information on CIHR and IHSPR activities, to meet with researchers and policy-makers, and to hear creative suggestions for moving forward on our strategic plan and priorities
- Meeting with CADRE program chairs and regional/ national training centre investigators and students, to discuss "best practices", problems and prospects, including issues of recruiting, career planning, and evaluation
- Participating in a *Behavioural and Social Sciences Health Research Workshop*, designed to identify and develop effective strategies, processes and structures for promoting and coordinating transdisciplinary behavioural and social sciences health research in Canada.

We also participated in the development and presentation of the workshop, "Privacy in Health Research: Sharing Perspectives and Paving the Way Forward," as part of our strategic initiative focusing on the issue of "enhancing research resources". This workshop was developed in collaboration with the CIHR Ethics Office and in partnership with other CIHR Institutes.

In this newsletter we are pleased to announce funding opportunities launched in early November by IHSPR and our partners. These new funding opportunities represent our latest commitments to research in areas of strategic priority and capacity-building. We look forward to receiving your responses.

You had an opportunity to preview IHSPR's strategic plan in our last newsletter. It will be posted on CIHR's website shortly (www.cihr-irsc.ca). We are committed to working with our community, our partners and our Institute Advisory Board to deliver on this plan over the next five years. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and organizations who are working with us in so many ways to support the advancement of health services and policy research excellence in Canada.

Morris Barer, Scientific Director

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR HEALTH SERVICES AND POLICY RESEARCHERS: CIHR Equipment and Maintenance Grants

Under its *Equipment and Maintenance Grants*, CIHR funds several programs for developing and maintaining databases for **CIHR funded research**. Specific eligibility requirements and guidelines for allowable costs for each program are provided in detail at the web link www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/services/funding/grants_awards_guide/current/research_funding/index_e.shtml

Equipment Grants:

This grant can be applied for by one or two investigators who are conducting research with a CIHR grant(s).
Registration deadlines: August 15, February 1
Full application deadlines: September 15 and March 1

Multi-User Equipment Grants:

To secure this grant, multi-user equipment must augment the research capabilities of a number of investigators within an institution or region. At least three CIHR funded research programs must clearly benefit from the equipment. The number of investigators using the equipment is unlimited.
Full application deadline: October 1

Maintenance Grants/ Maintenance Grants for Multi-Users:

These grants provide support for maintaining databases for one or two researchers (Maintenance Grants), or a group of researchers (Maintenance Grants for Multi-Users).
Registration deadlines for Maintenance Grant: August 15 and February 1
Full application deadlines:

For Maintenance Grants: September 15 and March 1

For Maintenance Grants for Multi-Users: October 1

In addition, equipment may be requested as part of an open, investigator-initiated competition, or during Request for Application (RFA) competitions.

COMMUNITY NEWS

IHSPR Funding Opportunities – November 2002

IHSPR and its partners are pleased to announce new strategic funding opportunities (http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/institutes/ihspr/funding/2002_opportunities_e.shtml).

Staying Ahead of the Wave: Genetics, Health Services and Health Policy

Registration deadline – January 15, 2002

Full application deadline – April 1, 2003

Anticipated funding start date – July/August 2003

This RFA provides development funds for initiatives likely to lead to longer term research proposals or programs of inquiry. This funding is for research that addresses the most important, emerging issues facing the Canadian health care system in response to new understandings about human genetics, and the burgeoning of genetic information technologies, products and services.

Partners: CIHR's Institute of Genetics (IG), in collaboration with the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Coordinating Committee on Genetics and Health

Advancing Theories, Frameworks, Methods and Measurement in Health Services and Policy Research

Registration deadline – January 15, 2002

Full application deadline – April 1, 2003

Anticipated funding start date – July/August 2003

This RFA supports research likely to lead to new breakthroughs in advancing theories, conceptual frameworks, research methods or measurement approaches that broadly apply to health services, or to understanding the translation of research into a strengthened Canadian health care system and improved health for Canadians.

Partners: CIHR's Institute of Population and Public Health (IPPH)

Analysis of the Canadian Community Health Survey on Mental Health and Well Being

Registration deadline – March 31, 2003

Full application deadline – April 28, 2003

Anticipated funding start date – September, 2003

Funding is available to provide an enhanced opportunity for expert analysis of the mental health-related data being collected through the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS).

Partners: CIHR's Institutes of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (INMHA) and Gender and Health (IGH), and Statistics Canada

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