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Message from Philip Sherman, INMD Scientific Director



From left: Dr. John Brumell, Robbie Murray, Kate Murray, Dr. Serge Desnoyers, Dr. Janet Rossant, Eve Adams, Aida Fernandes, Jonathan Riley, and Phil Sherman

I was pleased to represent CIHR at the announcement of funding for 9 Team Grants related to Inflammation and Chronic Disease at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto on December 22, 2014. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, Eve Adams, made the announcement. She was joined by Drs. John Brumell and Janet Rossant from the Research Institute at Sick Kids, Aida Fernandes from Crohn's and Colitis Canada, Jonathan Riley from the Arthritis Society, and 10-year old Robbie Murray, an inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) patient at the hospital. It is notable that IBD features prominently in these Team Grants (see next page). The aim of this **CIHR Roadmap Signature Initiative** is to gain a broad picture of inflammation across several pathologies and chronic diseases. We look forward to the discoveries arising from supporting this important research initiative.

during the transition period when starting my term as the Scientific Director in January 2009. Throughout his time with the institute, Paul has served INMD research communities, supported training and career development for New Investigators, and worked closely with members of the Institute Advisory Board. He has developed strong ties with INMD partner organizations, such as the Kidney Foundation of Canada, the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, and the Canadian Obesity Network. We wish Paul all the best in his new position!



Paul Belanger

The new calendar year brings a major staffing change that impacts INMD. Paul Belanger will be leaving his position as Assistant Director for both INMD and the Institute of Aboriginal Peoples Health to assume the post of Assistant Director of Research Operations in the Office of the Vice-President, Research at the University of Ottawa. Paul started with CIHR in December 2003, and was invaluable

With Paul's departure in February, Kim Banks Hart will assume the position of Interim Assistant Director of INMD in Ottawa. Kim is well versed in the operational issues of CIHR and knows many partners and researchers in the INMD mandate area. As a result, there will be no disruption in our ongoing activities and efforts on your behalf.

Best wishes to each of you for scientific productivity, health, and happiness in 2015!

Philip M. Sherman, MD, FRCPC
Scientific Director, INMD

Team Grant: Health Challenges in Chronic Inflammation

A CIHR Roadmap Signature Initiative

INMD congratulates the following successful applicants who received funding in this competition:

Principal & Co-Investigators	Institution	Project Title
BRUMELL, John; BENCHIMOL, Eric; ELLIS, James; MUISE, Aleixo; PARKINSON, John; VALLANCE, Bruce; YEUNG, Rae	Hospital for Sick Children	NADPH oxidase function in the pathogenesis of pediatric IBD and JIA
EKSTEEN, Johannes; BARNABE, Cheryl; BECK, Paul; BERNIER, Francois; FRITZLER, Marvin; GHOSH, Subrata; KAMATH, Binita; KAPLAN, Gilaad; REIMER, Raylene; SWAIN, Mark	Univ. Calgary	A multidisciplinary approach to target chronic inflammation of the gut, liver and joint
ESDAILE, John; ABRAHAMOWICZ, Michal; AVINA-ZUBIETA, Juan; BARNABE, Cheryl; DE VERA, Mary; DUTZ, Jan; KAPLAN, Gilaad; LACAILLE, Diane; LI, Linda; MARRA, Carlo	Univ. British Columbia	Preventing complications from inflammatory skin, joint and bowel conditions
KUBES, Paul; CHEE, Alex; DOIG, Christopher; HAHN, Klaus; JIRIK, Frank; MODY, Christopher; PATEL, Kamala; PENZ, Erika; YIPP, Bryan	Univ. Calgary	Intravascular immunity in chronic inflammatory lung diseases
MARRIE, Ruth Ann; BERNSTEIN, Charles; FISK, John; GRAFF, Lesley; HITCHON, Carol; KATZ, Alan; LIX, Lisa; MARRIOTT, James; SAREEN, Jitender; WALKER, John	Univ. Manitoba	Defining the burden and managing the effects of psychiatric comorbidity in chronic immunoinflammatory disease
MARSHALL, Jean; BEZUHLY, Michael; EKLUND, Kari; HANLY, John; ISSEKUTZ, Thomas; JOHNSTON, Brent; LEGARE, Jean-François; LIN, Tong-Jun; MCDOUGALL, Jason; BUTCHER, Eugene	Dalhousie Univ.	Restitution enhancement in arthritis and chronic heart disease
PARK, David; GIBBINGS, Derrick; HAYLEY, Shawn; PHILPOTT, Dana; RIOUX, John; SCHLOSSMACHER, Michael; SCHURR, Erwin	Univ. Ottawa	Insights into Parkinson's disease, Crohn's disease, and leprosy: a common role for LRRK2
PHILPOTT, Dana; MURUVE, Daniel; BAZINET, Richard; BECK, Paul; CROITORU, Kenneth; DUFF, Henry; GIRARDIN, Stephen; JAMES, Matthew; KAPLAN, Gilaad; MACDONALD, Justin	Univ. Toronto	Nod-like receptors: linking innate immunity and inflammation to chronic disease
SWAIN, Mark; BARNABE, Cheryl; GOODYEAR, Bradley; HIROTA, Simon; KAPLAN, Gilaad; MACQUEEN, Glenda; MAYER, Emeran; MYERS, Robert; PITTMAN, Quentin; SHARKEY, Keith	Univ. Calgary	Brain dysfunction in chronic inflammatory disease: reciprocal effects of CNS and periphery crosstalk

Funding Opportunity

INMD is pleased to support the [KRESCENT/CIHR New Investigator Awards](#) and the [KRESCENT/CIHR Post-Doctoral Fellowships](#) in partnership with The Kidney Foundation of Canada and the Canadian Society of Nephrology. For more information about these funding opportunities, please visit the ResearchNet website.

Network News

View the winter newsletter of the Canadian Children Inflammatory Bowel Disease Network, a joint partnership of CIHR and CH.I.L.D. Foundation [here!](#)

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