



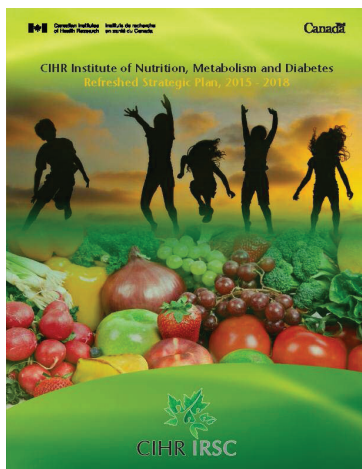
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INMD *Connections*

Message from Philip Sherman, INMD Scientific Director



In consultation with external and internal stakeholders, members of the Institute Advisory Board developed a **Refresh of the INMD Strategic Plan for 2015-2018**. As you will read, the Refresh focuses on three inter-related and linked themes within the INMD mandate that are of great importance to the health and well-being of all Canadians and which align and complement priorities identified in the **CIHR Roadmap II**. I am

confident that there is research capacity in Canada, which is able and ready to address gaps in the following identified research priority areas:

- Food and Health
- Environments, Genes and Chronic Disease
- Obesity and Healthy Body Weights: Seeking Solutions

I wish to thank partners, researchers, and citizens who helped us by providing thoughtful input and critical feedback in the development of this Refresh.

In addition, I want to highlight the hard work, extra effort, and insightful deliberations provided by each and every one of the members of the INMD Institute Advisory Board. Thank you all so much!

As far as next steps, members of the Institute Advisory Board have already begun developing an implementation plan which will be required to make the vision contained in the Refresh of the INMD Strategic Plan become a reality. Please stay tuned in the coming months for announcements of research networking and funding opportunities that we intend to develop together with collaborators and partners.

With best wishes for the rest of the summer season,

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

Environments, Genes and Chronic Disease Partner Forum



From left: Keynote Presenter, Dr. Nabil Seidah, Univ. Montreal and Phil Sherman.

On June 9-10, 2015, CIHR held the Environments, Genes and Chronic Disease (EGCD) Partner Forum in Ottawa, which brought together potential partners and principal applicants from the **20 successful letters-of-intent (LOI)** for the **Programmatic Grants in EGCD** funding opportunity. Programmatic Grants in EGCD, which are part of the **CIHR Environments and Health Signature Initiative**, will support programs of research assessing at least one environmental and at least one genetic component, and how they interact to contribute to chronic non-communicable disease. These Programmatic Grants in EGCD build on momentum created by the **EGCD Catalyst Grants** (launched in December 2012) and the **Environments, Genes and Chronic Disease National Workshop** (held in February 2012). The Partner Forum was an opportunity for potential partners to hear about the proposed programs of research during the LOI stage, and to provide input on how the proposed research could be improved prior to submission of the full applications. Applicants from across the country provided positive feedback on the format of the Forum, including the opportunity to present their proposed program of research. The Forum also provided a venue for participants to interact with relevant and interested leaders in government, voluntary health organizations, medical professional societies, and the private sector.

RESEARCHER PROFILE

Spencer Proctor, MD, University of Alberta Recipient of the 2015 Canadian Nutrition Society Young Investigator Award



Dr. Spencer Proctor is Director of the Metabolic and Cardiovascular Diseases Laboratory and a Professor in the Division of Human Nutrition at Univ. Alberta. Dr. Proctor's research program evaluates the role of the intestine in obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. His research on intestinal-derived lipid particles and their role in cardiovascular disease has

led the pharmaceutical industry to target the gut for lipid lowering and cardiovascular therapies. Dr. Proctor's research accomplishments and his impact in the field were recognized by the Canadian Nutrition Society by receipt of the 2015 Young Investigator Award for Outstanding Research. Dr. Proctor currently holds grants from CIHR, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, Dairy Farmers of Canada, and the Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency.

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life sciences research publications. It is bilingual and freely accessible permanent digital archive of full-text peer-reviewed publications. Only CIHR-funded researchers can deposit publications; however, anyone can browse and download articles for free. Contact [PMC Canada's helpdesk](#) for more information.

Check out CIHR on YouTube!

Check out on [YouTube](#) Drs. André Tchernof and Laurent Biertho (Laval Univ.) at the Canadian Obesity Summit discussing their Bariatric Care Team Grant, *Determinants of metabolic recovery following bariatric surgery in individuals with type 2 diabetes mellitus*, with CIHR Media Specialist, David Coulombe.

Latest News from the Joint Programming Initiative—A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life (JPI HDHL)

Report from the third international conference



The third international conference of the JPI HDHL was held on June 19th in Brussels. The objective was to achieve a dialogue between participants to support alignment and collaboration between research programmes and policies. A report on the international conference is now available [online](#).

CIHR Funding Opportunities

Fellowship: Fall 2015 Priority Announcements:
(Application deadline: November 22, 2015)

- [Gastroenterology](#)
- [Inflammatory Bowel Disease](#)

New Investigator Salary Award: Winter 2015 Priority Announcement:
(Application deadline: December 1, 2015):

- [Inflammatory Bowel Disease](#)

Operating Grant: Population Health Intervention Research:
(Application deadline: October 15, 2015):

- [Population Health Intervention Research to Promote Health and Health Equity](#)

Healthy and Productive Work Initiative—Pre Announcement

CIHR and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) are launching a joint initiative: *Healthy and Productive Work*, aimed at driving innovative, evidence-informed solutions to work and labour market challenges to improve the health and productivity of Canada's diverse workforce. This summer, SSHRC and CIHR will launch the first phase of a two-phase Call for Applications under *Healthy and Productive Work*. For more information, please visit the [CIHR website](#). Application Deadline: **October 1, 2015**

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