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INMD *Connections*

Message from Philip Sherman, INMD Scientific Director



In the past, CIHR has relied on end-of-grant reports as the sole indicator of results and outcomes of targeted funding. Now early and mid-funding networking meetings are part of the way that CIHR provides researchers who receive targeted research funds with more timely and constructive feedback on research results, and opportunities to exchange ideas and discuss challenges, in order to accelerate research. This approach also builds in knowledge translation as an integral part of the research process and provides an exceptional opportunity for researchers to network and to build potential future collaborations. Thanks to Dr. Hani El-Gabalawy, Scientific Director of the Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis, and Dr. Marc Ouellette, Scientific Director of the Institute of Infection and Immunity for hosting this inspiring meeting.

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The inaugural networking meeting of nine research teams funded through the **Inflammation in Chronic Disease Roadmap Signature Initiative** was held in Winnipeg on February 12-13, 2015. This meeting included a variety of stakeholders, such as patients, health charities, and international experts in the field. The meeting provided an excellent example of the new way of facilitating networking and providing oversight for large health research initiatives funded by CIHR.

Call for proposals: Preliminary announcement of Intestinal Microbiomics



The JPI HDHL is going to launch a new joint transnational call for research proposals: "Intestinal Microbiomics". The main objective is to support multidisciplinary transnational research consortia using innovative and scientific approaches to increase knowledge on the effects of diet on human intestinal microbiota

and the impact of diet-related variations in the intestinal microbiota on human health and/or the development of non-communicable chronic diseases. The overall vision is to develop dietary interventions or guidance for modulation of the intestinal microbiome to promote health and/or prevent the development of non-communicable chronic diseases. The program should generate new knowledge to support health maintenance and/or new treatments. **Pre-proposal submission deadline: April 28, 2015; Full proposal submission deadline: September 1, 2015.** Download the [preliminary announcement](#) for more information.

News from the IOM:

Cross Sector Responses to Obesity—Workshop in Brief

For more information on the brief from the 1-day workshop titled, "Cross-Sector Responses to Obesity: Models for Change", click [here](#).

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