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Message from Dr. Phil Sherman, SD



I am absolutely thrilled that members of the CIHR Governing Council have reviewed and approved the nominations of Drs. Katherine Cianflone (Laval), Stephanie Atkinson (McMaster), and Keith Sharkey (Calgary) to become members of the INMD Institute Advisory Board (IAB). They will each serve a three-year term beginning in September, 2009. As you will note from reading their biosketches below, each are distinguished Canadian investigators who are well able to serve your needs and who will provide us with sage advice and guidance. Please do not hesitate to contact them or any of the other IAB members, as a conduit for expressing your views about how we can act on your behalf in the future.

Warm Regards,

NEW Institute Advisory Board (IAB) Members

Stephanie A. Atkinson, PhD



Dr. Atkinson is Professor and Associate Chair (Research) in the Department of Paediatrics, and Associate Member in the Department of Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. She is also a Special Professional Staff member in McMaster Children's Hospital and founding partner of the McMaster Child Health Research Institute. As a nutrition clinician-scientist her research program explores the concept that nutritional and disease (or drug) exposures during fetal, neonatal and early childhood life program metabolic regulation that can alter growth and development and risk of adult-onset disease. Her current research focuses on early determinants of obesity, diabetes, and risk of cardiovascular disease and osteoporosis in children through a prospective, longitudinal birth cohort study. This research has evolved into a national leadership role in developing the Canadian Birth Cohort Research Network through the Maternal, Infant, Child and Youth Research Network (MICYRN). Research training activities include co-leadership of the Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program (CCHCSP), a 17-centre collaboration that is part of the CIHR Strategic Training Initiative in Health Research. She has recently served on the inaugural Governing Council of CIHR and as elected President of the American Society for Nutrition. Currently, she provides volunteer service to many national and international scientific panels and professional societies. Dr. Atkinson has received several prestigious awards recognizing her distinguished service and success in the field of nutrition in North America, most recently the Danone Institute Distinguished Nutrition Leadership Award (2008).

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Upcoming Events

INMD's
*Café Scientifique on
Disordered Eating*
in conjunction with
the "Rendezvous
with Madness" Film
Festival

November 10, 2009
Toronto, Ontario
5-8pm

INMD MANDATE

The Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes supports research to enhance health in relation to diet, digestion, excretion, and metabolism; and to address causes, prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, support systems, and palliation for a wide range of conditions and problems associated with hormone, digestive system, kidney, and liver function.



Katherine Cianflone, PhD

Katherine Cianflone is a well recognized researcher at Université Laval where they are known worldwide for their contribution to basic and clinical research in the field of obesity and its partners, diabetes, cardiovascular and pulmonary disease. Dr Cianflone also held a position as Associate Professor of Medicine at McGill University in Montreal. Presently, as Canada Research Chair in Adipose Tissue, Dr Cianflone is committed to the study of adipose (fat) tissue metabolism. To that end, she utilizes a wide variety of innovative methodology ranging from cellular to human studies to probe the physiological role of several adipose tissue hormones (adipokines) which influence not only fat storage, but extend to effects on food intake and whole body energy expenditure. Dr Cianflone's pioneering studies identified the role of acylation stimulation protein (ASP) in fat storage and, with international collaborators, identified the cell surface receptor protein C5L2 responsible for signalling, placing her at the forefront of this exciting research. Addressing innovative questions using complementary techniques and approaches, her research has led to widespread publications in well recognized journals.



Keith A. Sharkey, PhD

Keith Sharkey was educated at the University of London (B.Sc. Hons., Nutrition) and the University of Liverpool (Ph.D., GI Physiology). After postdoctoral training in Hungary, the UK and Canada, he was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary. He has remained at the University of Calgary for his academic career and is currently Professor of Physiology and Pharmacology, the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada (CCFC) Chair in IBD Research and an Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) Medical Scientist. Dr. Sharkey's research is focused on understanding the physiology and pathophysiology of the enteric nervous system in intestinal inflammation and on aspects of brain-gut interactions in health and disease. In this context he studies the neural control of energy balance, as well as control of gut motor and secretory functions. He is Editor of *Neurogastroenterology and Motility* and an Editorial Board member of *American Journal of Physiology, Gastrointestinal and Liver Physiology*. Dr. Sharkey receives research support from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, CCFC and AHFMR.

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