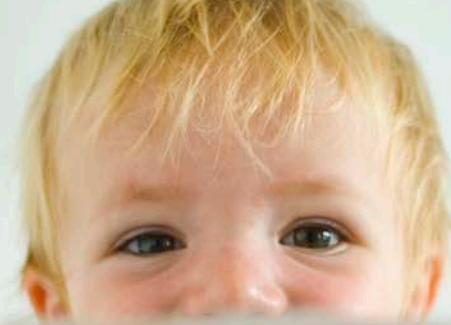




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Message from the Scientific Director



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In October, IHDCYH held their semi-annual Institute Advisory Board (IAB) meeting in Vancouver. During the meeting, the board had the opportunity to discuss numerous important topics related to our activities and strategic initiatives. This is a very formative time for IHDCYH, with many major initiatives on the horizon. The newly launched SPOR Network in Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations – the first Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) Network on which IHDCYH is a co-lead – will focus on transitions in care throughout the lifespan from childhood to the elderly, though horizontal and vertical integration of all levels of care in the health sector and beyond. This SPOR Network of Networks is well placed to be truly transformative, incorporating research, clinical practice and policy, with participation anticipated from every Province and Territory in Canada.

IHDCYH is also continuing to advance its initiative on the Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD). In September, we hosted a workshop in collaboration with all 13 CIHR Institutes, which included over 70 key leaders in the DOHaD field from Canada and internationally. As a result of this workshop, the opportunities, challenges and research priorities in Canada were identified. We are now working to develop a strategic funding opportunity related to DOHaD and exploring opportunities for potential national and international partners.

Additionally, IHDCYH is taking strides to address the issue of preterm birth, as it is now the second leading cause of child mortality (under 5 years old) worldwide. IHDCYH is developing a Canadian strategy to intersect with the work of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Global Alliance to Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth (GAPPS), Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), March of Dimes, and the World Health Organization, who have all identified preterm birth as a key priority. With international attention on this issue, this will allow for opportunities to increase awareness and develop a global agenda for the prevention and treatment of preterm birth around the world.

IHDCYH is also in the process of developing a communications and outreach strategy to better serve our research community and other stakeholders. We look forward to your input as we move forward with new activities and overhaul our existing ones.

Best wishes,
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Funding Opportunities

2014 Foundation Scheme "live pilot" competition and Transitional Operating Grant

The [First Live Pilot of the new Foundation Scheme](#) has been launched. This program will contribute to a sustainable foundation of health research leaders, by providing long-term support for the pursuit of innovative and high-impact research programs. Eligibility includes new/early-career investigators, investigators who have never held CIHR funding, and investigators whose funding expires between October 1, 2014 and September 30, 2015 (for more details please see the [funding opportunity](#)).

The [2014-2015 Transitional Operating Grant competition](#) is being run in parallel with the Foundation Scheme, and has been posted 14 months in advance to facilitate the transition help to clarify the differences between the two competitions.

If you have any questions regarding these two funding opportunities, please visit the CIHR or contact the CIHR Reforms team at: Roadmap-Plan.Strategie@cihr-isc.gc.ca.

SPOR Network in Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations

Application Deadline: January 10, 2014

The SPOR Network in Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations is a key initiative under the [Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research](#). Its purpose is to support member network development and inclusion in a national network of networks.

[Click here](#) for more information.

[Register here](#) for our info webinar on December 13th 4pm EST

New Investigator Research Grants in Child and Youth Health Research

Application Deadline: January 20, 2014

The [New Investigator Research Grants Program](#) is a joint program between CIHR-IHDCYH and the SickKids Foundation (SKF). Its goal is to build research capacity in child and youth health by funding operating grants to new investigators from across Canada. The guidelines and application package, are available on the SKF [website](#).

Updates in the IHDCYH Community

IHDCYH welcomes and bids farewell to members of its Institute Advisory Board

We would like to extend our welcome to Drs Rima Azar and Vassilios Papadopoulos, and Frank Gavin to IHDCYH's Institute Advisory board. In addition to her expertise in Developmental Psychoneuroimmunology, stress related disorders and prenatal depression, Dr Azar brings the perspective of a New Investigator to the IAB. Dr Papadopoulos offers a biomedical representation, specializing in pharmacology, reproductive biology and toxicology and will also act as the board's Ethics Designate. Mr. Gavin adds a patient perspective to the board as the National Liaison for the Canadian Family Advisory Network (CFAN), who has worked as a volunteer to advance child health and family-centred care. We look forward to their diverse perspectives and input as we progress with IHDCYH's activities and strategic initiatives.

We would also like to recognize and give thanks to Drs Bonnie Leadbeater, Gina Muckle, Reg Sauve, and Charlotte Waddell as their time with IHDCYH's IAB comes to an end. Their valuable contributions to IHDCYH throughout the years are greatly appreciated and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

For more information about IHDCYH's current and past IAB members, please visit [IHDCYH's IAB website](#).

Congratulations to Dalhousie researchers on prestigious Manning Innovation Award

IHDCYH would like to extend their congratulations to Drs. Pat McGrath and Patricia Lingley-Pottie for their recognition with the EnCana Principal Award, the Earnest C Manning Awards Foundation's highest honour.

This award recognizes the [Strongest Families Institute](#), an evidence-based program for children and families to access help with mental health and other issues affecting health and well-being. We highly commend Drs McGrath and Lingley-Pottie on their efforts. It is programs like this that help demonstrate the importance of reproductive, child and youth health research and putting research into practice.

CIHR and partners support injury prevention research projects in Ontario

On November 4th, the Honourable Rona Ambrose, Minister of Health, announced funding from CIHR and partners to support research on mild traumatic brain injuries. Of the 19 projects, five are focused specifically on children and youth, and IHDCYH is proud to be contributing to the funding of these teams. Visit the [CIHR website](#) for more information about the announcement and funded projects.



Minister Rona Ambrose and former Calgary Flames player Jamie Macoun with young hockey players from the Calgary region.

It Doesn't Have to Hurt: Strategies for Helping Children with Shots and Needles. A YouTube Video for Parents

The Centre for Pediatric Pain Research at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax has released a fun, light-hearted, and engaging new video aimed at parents and health professionals. In this video a young child advises her mom on some simple things that parents can do—and shouldn't do—to help make the experience less stressful and painful.

And the best news? These tips are all backed by scientific research and partially funded by CIHR. Watch the video and then please pass it on!

Here is your chance to have your say! We are asking for your support and feedback by helping us to circulate this YouTube video and complete our anonymous survey to help us evaluate the video. Watch it [here](#).

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Changes to CIHR's Planning and Dissemination Programs

Please note that the [Planning Grants](#) and [Dissemination Events](#) programs will no longer be offered in their current format after the Fall 2013 competition. CIHR recognizes the importance of planning and dissemination activities and will continue to support these activities through the Institute Community Support (ICS) Program going forward.

The ICS Program is designed to allow Institutes and Initiatives the flexibility to tailor programs to meet the needs of their communities and to foster community development. The new planning and dissemination program under the ICS model is proposed to launch twice per year with application intakes in February and August. The first launch is planned for December 2013 with an application deadline in February, 2014 and funding start date in July, 2014. Please visit [ResearchNet](#) in mid-December 2013 for more details on this funding opportunity.

If you have any questions about the ICS Program, please contact Jennifer Lee, Institutes Transitions and Programs Lead at ICS-PD@cihr-irsc.gc.ca or 613-952-4539.

CIHR Reforms Website refreshed

The [CIHR Reforms website](#) has been revised to provide improved navigation and additional information on CIHR's changes to the Open Programs and peer review process. We invite you to take a look at the new content to find the latest information on:

- The two new funding schemes: the Foundation Scheme and the Project Scheme;
- The new peer review process;
- The College of Reviewers;
- The transition plan; and
- Pilot competitions.

In addition, [questions and answers](#) are available to respond to the most common inquiries about the design, transition and pilots. Feel free to share these useful resources with members of the research community and partners.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Project Management Office at: roadmap-plan.strategique@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

Meetings & Events

CIHR-IHDCYH New Investigator/Trainee Workshop Wednesday, February 12, 2014 Banff Centre (Banff, Alberta)

In conjunction with the Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting (CNPRM), CIHR's Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH) will be hosting a one-day workshop for new investigators and postdoctoral fellows from Canadian universities, hospitals, and research institutes. Masters and PhD students are also welcome to register; however, priority will be given to those embarking on an investigator career.

The focus of the workshop is career development. It will feature sessions on grant writing, publishing, and developing a research program, with mentoring provided by senior researchers.

Attendees are requested to register with IHDCYH, as attendance will be restricted due to space limitations. IHDCYH will cover one night of shared accommodation on a first come, first served basis.

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CNPRM website: <http://www.cnprm.org/>

CIHR Communications Evaluation Survey

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) has commissioned Ipsos Reid to conduct a survey of Canadian researchers regarding communications by CIHR and its institutes. The survey should take between 10 and 15 minutes to complete. The deadline to respond is **November 29th, 2013**. [Click here](#) to participate in the survey.

For any other questions regarding the survey, please feel free to contact Karen Spierkel, Director, Communications and Public Outreach by phone at 613-954-1812 or [email](#). Thank you in advance for your participation in this study.