



IMHA Partnership Consultation, Vancouver, March 7-8, 2010

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skeletal muscle, skin and oral health) encourage collaboration and capacity building, promote common health research interests, provide an important link in knowledge transfer and dissemination, and help build a vibrant health research community.

Through the advice of the Institute's Partnership and Knowledge Translation Committee, IMHA held a formal Partnership Consultation on March 7-8, 2010, in Vancouver. Nearly 30 national representatives from government, non-government, research, and professional organizations attended to learn about each other's goals and priorities and to discuss the collaborative actions required to support effective research partnerships and the translation of new knowledge.

I am pleased to report that there was general consensus by the participants on five priority areas, including awareness, funding, strategic research elements, sustainability, and processes/tools to support partnerships, in which each group devised a specific goal and two priority actions required to achieve the goal by 2012.

IMHA will convene another meeting in the future to bring together these and other stakeholders to follow-up on the progress we have achieved. Over the longer term, and through enhanced and more frequent collaboration, the expectation of all participants is for increased partnerships and support for the creation of new knowledge and its translation into improved health for Canadians. A copy of the partnership report will also be posted on our website in June.

I look forward to informing you about IMHA's ongoing activities in future newsletters. If you should have suggestions about the content and format of this newsletter to help make our activities more transparent and accessible to all, please visit our [online poll](#).

With sincere thanks,

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GOOD NEWS STORIES

IMHA wishes to recognize the tremendous contribution that our NGO partners make in addressing the most pressing health issues of patients and consumers.

AboutFace (www.aboutface.ca) has been selected as the Grand Prize Winner in the "Show us your Goodness" (www.showusyourgoodness.com) contest for most inspiring and uplifting charitable causes. This is a proud accolade for AboutFace and the clients it serves, and is a great example of a partner of IMHA being recognized for telling a good story well.

The **Canadian Skin Patient Alliance (CSPA)** will also be receiving an award in St. John's, NL this summer at the Canadian Dermatology Association's Annual Conference. The CSPA has been chosen by the CDA's Memberships and Awards Committee to receive the CDA

Did You Know?

IMHA GOES PAPERLESS



On March 7th 2008 IMHA became the first CIHR institute to go paperless for all of its Institute Advisory Board and Committee meetings.

2010 Public Education Award for its website, www.skinpatientalliance.ca, submitted in the Not-for-Profit category. "The committee was very impressed with the CSPA's website and found it to be an excellent resource for patients and physicians." Congratulations to our partners!

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

1 *9th International Congress on Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (June 24-27, 2010)*
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
To register, [click here](#)

2 *85th Annual Conference of the Canadian Dermatology Association (June 30-July 4, 2010)*
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada
This Annual Conference is a seminal event, the key gathering of the year for dermatologists in Canada. This is your opportunity to meet colleagues and learn in an optimal setting. To register, [click here](#)

3 *13th World Congress on Pain (August 29 – September 2, 2010)*
Montréal, Québec, Canada
The International Association for the Study of Pain invites you to register for the world's premier Congress devoted to research and treatment of pain. To register, [click here](#)

IMHA Funding Opportunities

For information on current funding opportunities, please visit: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/13217.html>

UPCOMING CIHR EVENTS

Café Scientifiques

- 1) August 31, 2010, IMHA will host a CIHR 10th Anniversary Café to coincide with the 13th World Pain Congress (Location: Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel in the Les Voyageurs Lounge at 900 Rene Levesques Blvd. West, Montreal, Quebec).
- 2) November 3, 2010, IMHA and the Canadian Arthritis Network will co-host a Café Scientifique on ethical issues and workplace disability (Location: Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario).

ONLINE POLL

IMHA would like to invite you to visit our online poll to give us feedback or suggestions on our new newsletter.

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