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## Message from Phil Sherman, INMD Scientific Director



As we come to the end of another calendar year, it provides some time to pause and reflect. The last year for CIHR has been both interesting and eventful. The ten year International Review provided highly positive feedback about the Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes (INMD) and its accomplishments. It was encouraging to read comments

made by the Expert Review Team with respect to INMD, in particular: "The efforts of the Institute to build a community of obesity researchers of international visibility have been successful".

The international reviewers were also extremely positive about INMD's four new strategic research priorities, as outlined in the updated [INMD Strategic Plan for 2010-2014](#). Under the stewardship of the Institute Advisory Board chair Dr. Stephanie Atkinson (McMaster Univ.), we have begun steps towards implementation of each of these strategic priorities. In the coming year, we look forward to announcing a variety of funding opportunities to support related targeted research opportunities.

The 2011 International Review contained 16 recommendations for CIHR. I was heartened to note that Dr. Elias Zerhouni, Chair of the International Review Panel, states that "CIHR has been, and will continue to be, a critical resource to the health of its citizens and economic well-being to the nation." To learn more about how CIHR plans to respond to the recommendations, I encourage you to read the recently posted [Response and Action Plan](#) which was developed under the strategic direction of CIHR's Governing Council.

Wishing you and yours all the best for the holiday season and 2012,

Phil & Team INMD



INMD Institute Advisory Board meeting at the University of Guelph (September 2011)

## New IAB Member Profile—Marie-France Langlois Professor, Departments of Medicine, Biochemistry and Physiology, University of Sherbrooke



Dr Langlois trained at the University of Sherbrooke where she obtained her MD in 1990 and then specialized in Internal Medicine (1994) and Endocrinology (1995). She completed a research fellowship at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard University (1995-1997). Dr Langlois currently practices as an endocrinologist and Director of

the Ambulatory Metabolic Unit, which includes diabetes, obesity and lipid disorders clinics, at the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire de Sherbrooke. She is also Professor of Medicine, Biochemistry and Physiology at the Faculté de médecine et des sciences de la santé of the Université de Sherbrooke. She received the young investigator award of the Canadian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism in 2007 and currently holds a National-Scientist award of the Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec.

Her research interests include the mechanisms of action of nuclear receptors and the regulation of adipogenesis, the treatment and prevention of obesity and diabetes, and health system organization in the area of cardio-metabolic disease prevention and management. She has developed a strong interdisciplinary research team and partnerships with health system decision makers locally, and at the provincial and national levels. Her research projects are currently funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), FRSQ, Ministry of Health of Quebec, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada, Lawson Foundation and Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA). She is author or co-author of more than 150 articles and abstracts and regularly sits on per-review Committees. She is in charge of the Canadian Obesity Network Clinical Obesity Preceptorship Program.

## QUICK NEWS

### CIHR ANNUAL REPORT

Curious to see how CIHR is moving forward with the implementation of its Strategic Plan? Check out the [Presentation](#) on this year's Annual Report.

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Institute of Gender and Health will be holding a conference in October 2012: *Advancing Excellence in Gender, Sex and Health Research*. The deadline for [Abstract Submission](#) is February 15, 2012.

### PHAC REPORT ON DIABETES:

On December 15, 2011, the Public Health Agency of Canada released *Diabetes in Canada: Facts and figures from a public health perspective*, the most comprehensive report on diabetes produced by PHAC to date. The full report is available on their [website](#).

### 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.

## INMD Funding in 2011

Over the past 12 months, INMD has funded many Canadian researchers through multiple funding opportunities: from Planning & Dissemination Grants, to priority announcements and internal partnerships, as well as external partnerships such as with the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, the Kidney Foundation of Canada, The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, and other industry partners.

Please click on the competition links below for more details regarding these funding results. The funding results below reflect INMD contributions to grants and awards funded between January 1st and December 31st 2011. These figures do not include grants and awards funded in previous years.

Grants & Awards funded by INMD in 2011	# of Grants or Awards
Meetings, Planning & Dissemination Grants – Planning Grants <a href="#">201010KTM</a> , <a href="#">201102KTM</a> , <a href="#">201106KTM</a>	6
Meetings, Planning & Dissemination Grants – Dissemination Grants <a href="#">201010KTN</a> , <a href="#">201106KTN</a>	4
<b>Fall 2010 Priority Announcements</b>	
INMD Startup Funds ( <a href="#">201009PCN</a> )	8
Obesity – Interventions to Prevent or Treat ( <a href="#">201009OOP</a> )	3
Sodium & Health ( <a href="#">201009OSO</a> )	1
INMD Mandate Bridge Funding ( <a href="#">201009NMD</a> )	4
<b>Winter 2011 Priority Announcements</b>	
INMD Startup Funds ( <a href="#">201103PCN</a> )	4
Obesity - Interventions to Prevent or Treat ( <a href="#">201103OOP</a> )	1
Sodium & Health ( <a href="#">201103OSO</a> )	1
INMD Mandate Bridge Funding ( <a href="#">201103NMD</a> )	1
<b>Institute Community Support Program</b>	
Travel Awards	11
CIHR Café Scientifique Program ( <a href="#">201106SCI</a> )*	9
Partnerships for Health Systems Improvement ( <a href="#">201011PHE</a> )*	2
Network Catalyst Grant ( <a href="#">201011NC5</a> ) *	1
Programmatic Grant in Health and Health Equity ( <a href="#">201103ROH</a> )*	2

\* These competitions were funded with other CIHR partners

Grants & Awards funded by INMD with external partners in 2011	# of Grants or Awards
KRESCENT / CIHR Fellowships ( <a href="#">201101KRF</a> )	1
KRESCENT / CIHR New Investigators ( <a href="#">201101KRI</a> )	4
Fellowship Priority Announcement on IBD – Fall 2010 ( <a href="#">201010IBD</a> ) (CAG, Abbott, CCFC, Ferring)	2
New Investigator Priority Announcement on IBD – Fall 2010 <a href="#">201009XGP</a> (CAG & CCFC)	1

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