

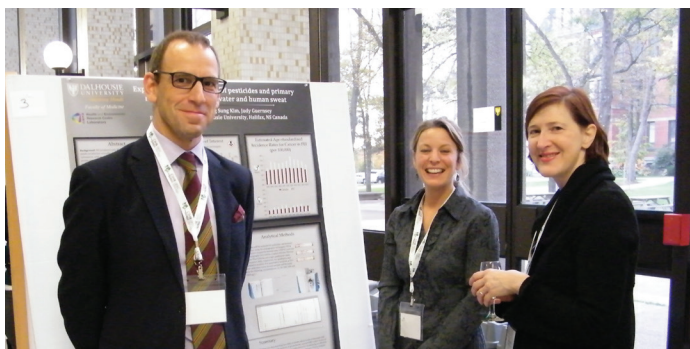
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INMD *Connections*

Message from Philip Sherman, INMD Scientific Director



Meet and Greet Poster Session, Dalhousie Univ., October 28, 2014: IAB members Drs. Doug Manuel and Gillian Booth with poster presenter, Crystal Sweeney.

The INMD Institute Advisory Board (IAB) met at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia October 28-30, 2014. It was the first meeting for four new IAB members and a wonderful opportunity to interact with trainees at a variety of levels of seniority and from different faculties at a dynamic Meet & Greet/Poster Session. We also heard Atlantic Canada perspectives on a variety of important health research-related issues



From left: Phil Sherman and IAB Chair, Dr. Stephanie Atkinson

from the Dalhousie academic leadership. Members of the IAB reflected on responses provided to a national survey regarding the proposed refresh of the INMD Strategic Plan, 2015-2018. The feedback will be used to update the Strategic Plan that will be published in the New Year. The INMD IAB also discussed the [Institutes Model Review](#). This review was undertaken by Governing Council and assessed the structure, role, policies, financial framework, and slate of the CIHR Institutes. The summary of this review is available on the [CIHR website](#).



Michel Perron, Vice-President, External Affairs and Business Development

Michel Perron, Vice-President of External Affairs and Business Development, and Andrew Lyall, Director of Partnerships and Business Development, met with the IAB to consider how best to partner in future INMD strategic initiatives with the private sector. Potential partners include the pharmaceutical and medical devices industry and non-traditional partners, such as insurance companies. Discussions focused on developing long-term, mutually beneficial strategic alliances that promote innovation and support emerging fields of research relevant to the mandate of INMD.

All the best for the fall season,

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(IBD) using health administrative data. He created the Ontario Crohn's and Colitis Cohort, which is the world's largest ongoing surveillance cohort of IBD patients. Eric was recently awarded a New Investigator Award from CIHR/Canadian Association of Gastroenterology/Crohn's and Colitis Canada to define the burden and variations in care for children with IBD in Canada. The goal of the research is to reduce variations and thereby, improve overall quality of health care delivery to improve patient outcomes and quality of life. In addition, he holds a CIHR operating grant aimed at creating guidelines for the Reporting of studies Conducted using Observational Routinely-collected Data (RECORD).

CIHR PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

Programmatic Grants in Environments, Genes and Chronic Disease (EGCD)

INMD, in collaboration with the Institutes of Aging, Human Development, Child and Youth Health, and Infection and Immunity, is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of the *Programmatic Grants in Environments, Genes and Chronic Disease (EGCD)* funding opportunity. This funding opportunity, which builds on the [Catalyst Grants in EGCD](#), will provide funding for research addressing the role of environment, microbiome, and gene interactions in chronic diseases. The Programmatic Grants in EGCD are part of the [Environments and Health Signature Initiative](#), which will focus on investigating how the physical, social, cultural, and built environments in which we live, work, and play are critical to our health, development, and well-being over the lifespan.

CIHR SCIENCE POLICY FELLOWSHIPS



[The Science Policy Fellowships program](#) has launched its [sixth competition](#), offering a new series of policy assignments hosted by Health Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada, and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. This program supports researchers from all areas of health to spend six to twelve months in a policy setting providing policy makers with access to scientific evidence to inform policy and giving researchers the opportunity to learn firsthand about the policy development process. **Application Deadline: December 12, 2014.** For more information, contact [Kiera Keown](#).

17TH ANNUAL CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION (CDA) AND THE CANADIAN SOCIETY OF ENDOCRINOLOGY AND METABOLISM (CSEM) PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL MEETINGS



INMD was pleased to be represented by Dr. Gillian Booth and Mr. Paul Bélanger at the 17th CDA/CSEM annual meetings held in October in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The annual meetings bring together researchers, clinicians, and educators from across

Canada. These conferences are excellent opportunities to recognize Canada's contribution to advancing research in the areas of diabetes and endocrinology. INMD congratulates Dr. Robert Screaton (Univ.

Ottawa), winner of the 2014 CDA/CIHR-INMD Young Scientist Award for his research focusing on how the pancreatic beta cell converts feeding cues into signals leading to insulin production and secretion. INMD also congratulates Dr. Johnny Deladoey, (Univ. Montreal) winner of the Dr. Charles Hollenberg Young Investigator Award lecture for his work on genetic determinants of congenital endocrine disease and Dr. Brent Richards (McGill Univ.), winner of the Dr. Jody Ginsberg Young Investigator Award for his research on vitamin D. The INMD New Investigator Partnership Prize Program supports new investigator prizes awarded by voluntary health sector organizations. INMD is proud to partner with charities and societies in recognizing excellence in research across the INMD mandate.

JOINT PROGRAMMING INITIATIVE A HEALTHY DIET FOR A HEALTHY LIFE (JPI HDHL)—LATEST NEWS

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