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Message from Norman Rosenblum, INMD Scientific Director



I am honoured to have been appointed as the new INMD Scientific Director, and look forward to our joint efforts towards advancing research in the fields of nutrition, metabolism, diabetes, obesity, and kidney, liver and digestive health and disease. A big thank you to Phil Sherman, INMD and CIHR staff, Institute Advisory Board members, investigator colleagues, and INMD partners, all of whom have reached out so generously to welcome me and facilitate my transition into INMD and CIHR.

I am extremely pleased that our very capable INMD team, Mary-Jo Makarchuk, Keeley Rose, Vera Ndaba, and Denise Haggerty will continue their work with INMD.

My goals during this initial period as Scientific Director are to (i) seamlessly continue the implementation of the INMD Strategic Plan that ends in 2018, (ii) reach out to partners and stakeholders to learn about your priorities, successes and challenges, and (iii) develop a new Strategic Plan for INMD. I anticipate new conversations together and challenge all of us to reflect on the following question: *What are the big ideas to which we can and should aspire to build a healthier society in Canada and beyond?*

Wishing you a healthy, successful and fulfilling 2018!

Norman Rosenblum

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CIHR Pre-Announcements

Nutrition & the Epigenome

INMD is pleased to pre-announce the launch of *Team Grants in Nutrition & the Epigenome*. The aim of this call is to support transnational, collaborative research projects that gain a better understanding of the diet-epigenome relationships and their effect on human health. This call will be launched in partnership with members of the Joint Programme Initiative, [Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life](#) (JPI HDHL). The launch of the new call is planned for early February 2018 and proposals can be submitted until **April 12, 2018**. For more details, please visit the JPI HDHL website and ResearchNet.

Planning and Dissemination Grants

It is anticipated that the next launch date of the *Institute Community Support (ICS) Planning and Dissemination Grants* will be in early February. INMD will fund applications relevant to the INMD mandate. For more information, please visit ResearchNet.

CIHR Funding Opportunity

Project Grant: Spring 2018 Priority Announcement (Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes). Application deadline: **March 6, 2018**. For more information, please visit [ResearchNet](#).

Early Career Investigators (ECIs) Observer Program

CIHR is pleased to offer an Observer program for ECIs to participate as an observer in the peer review process of the *Project Grant: Spring 2018 competition*. To express your interest in participating in the Observer program, please send an [e-mail](#) to the College of Reviewers by **February 21, 2018**. For more information, please visit the [CIHR](#) website.

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Researcher Profile

Benoît Arsenault, PhD, *Early Career Investigator Award - Lipoprotein Metabolism* Université Laval



Dr. Benoît Arsenault obtained his Ph.D. in Physiology-Endocrinology from Université Laval in Québec City in 2009. After two postdoctoral fellowships at the Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam and at the Montreal Heart Institute, Dr. Arsenault became Assistant Professor at the Department of Medicine at Université Laval in 2013. He is also a research scientist in the cardiology axis at the Québec Heart and Lung Institute (QHILI). Dr. Arsenault's team focuses

on lipoprotein metabolism, particularly lipoprotein(a), in health and disease and the genetic and lifestyle determinants of cardiometabolic diseases such as atherosclerosis and calcific aortic valve stenosis.

Dr. Arsenault is a member of the International Chair on Cardiometabolic Risk (ICCR), the Lipoprotein(a) Foundation Scientific Advisory Board and the Genomic Investigation of Statin Therapy (GIST) consortium. He has authored or co-authored more than 90 peer-reviewed manuscripts and is on the Editorial board of three scientific journals, *Atherosclerosis*, the *American Journal of Physiology – Endocrinology and Metabolism* and *Future Science Open Access*.

Dr. Arsenault holds a junior scholar award from the *Fonds de recherche du Québec: Santé* (FRQS) and his research is funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Foundation of the QHILI and several industrial partners. He recently received the CIHR Early Career Investigator Award in Lipoprotein Metabolism.

Congratulations, Benoît!

CIHR Funding Results

INMD congratulates the successful applicants in the [Planning and Dissemination Grant- Institute Community Support](#) competition.

Nominated Principal Investigator	Institution	Project Title
Aurélien Baillet	Université du Québec en Outaouais	<i>Optimisation de la prise en charge en activité physique lors de la chirurgie bariatrique : stratégie de recherche axée sur le patient</i>
Denise Belsham	Univ. Toronto	<i>International Congress of Neuroendocrinology 2018</i>
Société québécoise de lipodologie, de nutrition et de métabolisme		<i>Rencontre scientifique conjointe SQLNM/CMDO 2018</i>
Ahmad Haidar	McGill Univ.	<i>Cafe Scientific: Practical tips for glucose management and advances in type 1 diabetes research</i>
Simon Hirota	Univ. Calgary	<i>Kananaskis inflammation workshop for trainees</i>
Mahsa Jessri	Ottawa Hospital Research Institute	<i>Developing a web-based "dietary pattern calculator" for personalized assessment and feedback</i>
Sanjay Sharma	Queen's Univ.	<i>Diabetes eye disease screening recommendations (Multimedia tools)</i>
Paul Sinclair	Canadian Association of Gastroenterology	<i>CAG research topics in disease XVII meeting</i>
Patricia Tucker	Western Univ.	<i>Supporting physical activity participation in childcare: Identifying emerging issues and opportunities for intervention</i>
Elena Torban	Research Institute, McGill Univ. Health Centre	<i>12th International Podocyte Conference, May 30-June 2, 2018</i>
Kaberi Dasgupta	Research Institute, McGill Univ. Health Centre	<i>Core outcome set and core contextual factors in diabetes after pregnancy prevention trials (Core-DAP)</i>

The CIHR Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes (INMD) invests in research on diet, digestion, and metabolism. By addressing the causes, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of a wide range of conditions and problems associated with hormones, the digestive system, kidneys, and liver function, INMD seeks to improve health for all Canadians.

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