



Research Canada **On the Move**

This year marks Research Canada's tenth anniversary. It was June 5th, 2005 when the Council for Health Research in Canada became Research Canada: An Alliance for Health Discovery. At that time, there was a new sense of optimism about the prospects for health research in Canada following the creation of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Canada Research Chairs Program, the Canada Foundation for Innovation, Genome Canada, the Networks of Centres of Excellence and the Indirect Costs Program.

We have accomplished a lot. Since 2006, the Government of Canada has invested more than \$7 billion in health research through the CIHR and is supporting 13,200 health research and trainees. And, Canadian health researchers are making important contributions to our understanding of human development and disease.

At the same time, the current government has skewed Canada's research priorities too far in the direction of applied research with short-term commercial goals at a time when we must keep a broad portfolio of investigators active so that we can hedge Canada's R&D bet on research programs that will bear the most fruit and ensure our best and brightest are trained by research-active scientists.

It is important that our community takes up the health R&D banner during the 2015 Federal Election and makes this election as much about health research, health innovation and healthcare as it will be about the economy and national security.

Your Candidates, Your Health, is Research Canada's interactive Election 2015 tool soon to be available on our website that will give our Members, Supporters and Partners all that you require to learn about the different party platforms and the candidates in your respective ridings, provide you with advocacy patient stories, policy messages and the do's and don'ts of lobbying candidates on the ground during an election campaign. We will launch the site in advance of Election 2015 to give you an opportunity to familiarize yourself with the tools and begin to plan.

National Public Opinion Poll on Health Research and Health Innovation in Canada

Research Canada, in partnership with the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada, HealthcareCAN, the Health Charities Coalition of Canada, Canada's Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies, Michael Smith Foundation of BC and Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation, will be publishing the results of our new national public opinion poll, **CanadaSpeaks**

2015 with provincial data in BC and Saskatchewan early in March 2015. The data will be made available on Research Canada's website early in the month and used in our 2015 advocacy efforts including the 2015 election campaign.

Health Research Caucus Luncheon on Vaccine Development in Canada

Building upon the impressive legacy of vaccines in Canada, the Health Research Caucus Luncheon on Vaccine Development in Canada will raise awareness among Parliamentarians on April 1st, 2015 about the fundamental approach to making vaccines, explain what they are and provide a history of vaccine development and the significant value, opportunities and challenges across the vaccine development chain in Canada.

Luncheon Speakers will include Mr. Mark Lievonen, President of Sanofi Pasteur Limited, Dr. Andrew Potter, CEO, Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization Pan Provincial Vaccine Enterprise (PREVENT) and Dr. Rainer Engelhardt, Chief Science Officer, Public Health Agency of Canada.

Health Research Caucus Reception on Global Health Research and Innovation

Millions of people die every year in LMICs around the world from diseases like malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS and also from non-communicable diseases like cardiovascular diseases - 17 million, cancers - 7.6 million, respiratory diseases - 4.2 million and diabetes - 1.3 million.

Canada has responded through a number of initiatives such as the Global Health Research Initiative—a partnership among CIHR, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and Health Canada—the Canada-HOPE Scholarship Program, the Global Indigenous Health Research Initiative and the Grand Challenges in Global Health initiative with the Gates Foundation. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is on the frontlines of these initiatives, and through its Institute of Gender and Health, is supporting research on gender in relation to globalization and health.

The Health Research Caucus event on Global Health Research and Innovation will profile the research and innovations being developed under the auspices of these programs in both communicable and non-communicable disease areas at Research Canada Member, Supporter and Partner institutions and companies across the country.

Research Canada's 2015 AGM

Mark the date and join us on May 11th for Research Canada's Tenth Annual General Meeting in Ottawa. Please join us at noon for our Election 2015 Luncheon featuring Guest Speaker, Ms. Michele McLean, Vice-President, Hill and Knowlton Canada, followed by our Annual General Meeting. Our Members are then invited to attend the Health Research Caucus Reception on Global Health Research and Innovation on Parliament Hill from 4 pm - 7 pm. If you have never attended one of these events, now is your opportunity to meet Parliamentarians from all political parties and see first-hand how Research Canada profiles and promotes its Member institutions at this important events.

2015 Leadership Award

The Call for Nominations for the 2015 Research Canada Leadership Award will be issued in May 2015. Please note that both individuals and organizations are eligible for nomination. Visit Research Canada's website in April 2015 for more information on the next call.

Social media

Research Canada has re-launched our facebook page. Please join us to converse, share your news, and engage with the Research community. You can find us at

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