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INMD *Connections*

Message from Philip Sherman, INMD Scientific Director



The much anticipated announcement of results from the **CIHR inaugural Foundation Grants live pilot competition** was made last month.

I was pleased to see that so many INMD-affiliated researchers were successful in this competition. Through this Open Operating Grant competition, CIHR will support 150 health research leaders across various career stages and multiple research areas, by providing long-term support

for innovative, high-impact programs of research. Recipients were selected for their demonstrated track record of excellence and impact. Congratulations to all of you who were successful!

The Foundation Grants scheme, and the new Project Grants competition that will be piloted in 2016, represent a major change for the health research community and for CIHR. The first Foundation Grants live pilot competition provided CIHR with an opportunity to validate new processes and systems, solicit feedback from applicants and reviewers, and to learn about how the process can be improved in

the future. Staff at CIHR are currently analyzing the feedback received, while looking at a number of refinements for the second Foundation Grants live pilot competition. CIHR is committed to continuing to work with the research community to ensure that applicants and reviewers have the information and training needed to successfully participate in future grant funding opportunities.

I wish to also congratulate researchers who were successful in the **Transitional Open Operating Grants competition**, the results of which were also announced in late July. Many INMD-affiliated researchers were funded in this competition including New Investigators who received INMD bridge funding, which is highlighted below. I look forward to learning about your research findings and the impacts arising from your knowledge translation and exchange activities.

Philip M. Sherman, MD, FRCPC
Scientific Director, INMD

CIHR Funding Results

INMD congratulates the successful applicants who received funding in the following competitions:

INMD Start-up Funds: Bridge funding for Clinicians and New Investigators

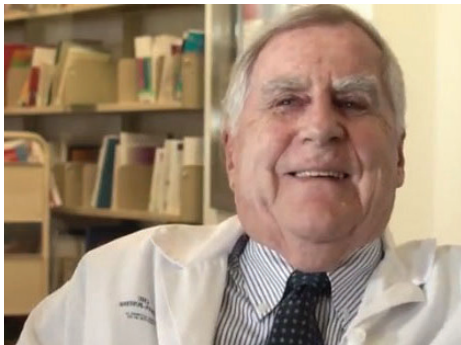
Nominated Principal Investigator	Institution	Title
Joyal, Jean-Sébastien	Hôpital Sainte-Justine (Univ. Montréal)	Mitochondrial origins of pathological angiogenesis in age-related macular degeneration
Ghia, Jean-Eric	Univ. Manitoba	Semaphorin 3E and gut inflammation
Klein, Doug	Univ. Alberta	An evaluation of the CHANGE lifestyle intervention in primary care: a multicenter cluster randomized trial
Estall, Jennifer	Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal	Transcriptional regulators of beta-cell health, function, and diabetes

CAG/CIHR New Investigator Salary Award - PA: Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Van Limbergen, Johan	IWK Health Centre (Dalhousie Univ.)	Optimizing enteral nutrition therapy in pediatric Crohn's disease: microbiome ecology to guide bench-to-bedside translational research
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IN MEMORIAM

CIHR mourns the passing of Dr. Claude Roy



It is with great sadness that CIHR marks the passing of Dr. Claude Roy, a pioneer in the field of gastroenterology and nutrition and a distinguished clinician-scientist on faculty at the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire Sainte Justine at Univ.

Montreal. Dr. Roy is known for having co-authored the first textbook on pediatric gastroenterology, which is still widely considered a leading

source in this medical sub-specialty. He joined the clinical staff of Sainte Justine in 1974 and became Director of the hospital's Research Institute in 1978. Throughout his career, Professor Roy championed the importance of research in medical training. Dr. Roy contributed to the development of Canada's health research community as a council member of CIHR's predecessor, the Medical Research Council of Canada. He was inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (CMHF) in 2013, in honour of his outstanding contributions as a clinician, researcher and teacher. "Claude was a fabulous mentor, career advisor, and role model for a generation of pediatric health researchers both here in Canada and around the world," recalls Philip Sherman, a pediatric gastroenterologist at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes. [Watch CMHF's video on Dr. Roy.](#)

CIHR Funding Opportunities

Team Grant: Environments and Health: Intersectoral Prevention Research

This funding opportunity supports research to examine how intersectoral strategies and approaches contribute to improvements in population health and health equity by preventing, mitigating, reducing and/or enhancing resilience to harmful environmental exposures and/or promoting healthful environments. **Letters of Intent due October 1, 2015.** CIHR is pleased to invite interested applicants to participate in a webinar on **Thursday, September 3 from 1:00-2:30pm ET. [Register Now!](#)** For more details about this funding opportunity, visit [Research Net](#).

Partnerships for Health System Improvement: 2015-2016

The intent of the Partnerships for Health System Improvement (PHSI) program is to strengthen Canada's healthcare system through collaborative, applied and policy-relevant research. PHSI funds teams of decision-makers and researchers to conduct applied health services and policy research. **Application deadline: October 15, 2015.** For more information, visit [Research Net](#).

Webinar for students in health research

Students in health research and university staff are invited to an online information session to learn about CIHR student awards programs, funding opportunities and how to apply. Sessions are planned between **September 8-10, 2015. [Register online.](#)**

INMD New Investigator Partnership Prizes

The INMD New Investigator Partnership Prize will support New Investigator Prizes awarded by voluntary health organizations (such as non-profit organizations, professional organizations and registered charities) that recognize outstanding research related to the Institute's [mandate](#). Partner organizations may apply directly to INMD for these awards. INMD will fund a maximum amount of \$2,500 for a single award. All awards must be matched equally by the Partner organizations. Successful applicants (partner organizations) will be notified within nine weeks of receiving their application submission. Funds will be released upon verification of awardees by the applicant. **Application deadline: November 30, 2015.** For additional information, visit the [INMD New Investigator Partnership Prize page](#).

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