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FUNDING DECISIONS:

Pilot Project Grants: Results of the June 2004 Competition. The Institute of Aging (IA) is pleased to announce the results of the Pilot Projects competition. Of the 60 applications received, 19 were approved for funding, for a total investment of \$918,783. The names of the successful applicants are available at: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/26443.html>

Mid Career Awards in Aging: Results of the June 2004 Competition. The IA is pleased to announce the results of the Mid Career awards in Aging competition. A total of 9 applications were received, 3 of which were approved for funding. See <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/26451.html>

Priority Announcements: Results of the September 2004 Operating Grants Competition. The IA is pleased to announce the funding of Operating Grants as part of the September 2004 Priority Announcement for Operating Grants. The names of the successful applicants will be available at: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/26139.html>

Brain Repair Program: \$4.5 MILLION to 3 Canadian brain repair research teams:
Dr. Freda Miller, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto for her work on Novel approaches to central nervous system white matter repair.
Dr. Michael W. Salter, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto for his work on Transforming research on chronic pain in Canada.
Dr. Yu Tian Wang, University of British Columbia/Vancouver Coastal Health Research Institute, Brain Research Centre at UBC Hospital, for his work on Novel therapeutic strategies to repair brain abnormalities in psychiatric disorders.

Neuroscience Canada leads the Brain Repair Program which is funded in partnership with CIHR's IA and the Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction. http://www.neurosciencecanada.ca/press/pr_11252004.html

Age+ Prize Winners <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/10547.html>

Aug-04: Weihui Hong and Zhou Qing, University of British Columbia "Transcriptional regulation of BACE1, the B-Amyloid Precursor Protein B-Secretase, by Sp1" *Molecular and Cellular Biology*

Sept-04: Genevieve Morrow, Université Laval "Over expression of the small mitochondrial Hsp22 extends Drosophila life span and increases resistance to oxidative stress" *FASEB*

Oct-04: J.A. Chris DeLaney, McGill University "Use of lithium and the risk of injurious motor vehicle crash in elderly adults: case-control study nested within a cohort" *BMJ*

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

Pilot Project Grants are offered by IA in the CIHR December 2004 funding opportunities to encourage innovative investigations within IA's priority research areas by providing one-year pilot project grants. <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/25529.html>

Priority Announcements: These are additional opportunities for funding through CIHR's Open Competitions. IA will offer this opportunity again this year through the Spring 2005 CIHR Open Competition (Operating Grants, Salary Support and Training Programs) to promote research in IA's five priority topics. More information, as well as the responsiveness form (required with application), are available at the following link: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/19739.html>

OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

CIHR and its partners are pleased to announce other funding opportunities outlined in the December 2004 launch of Requests for Applications. See <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/15761.html>

Funding Guide for International Science and Technology Cooperation:

This on-line funding guide for international cooperation provides a one-stop shop resource on various national and international funding programs available to Canadian researchers.

<http://fgic-gfci.scitech.gc.ca/>

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IA Regional Seniors' Workshops on Research <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/25710.html>

The **British Columbia** Regional Seniors' Workshop on Research is planned for March 30-31 in Vancouver, BC. The Regional Implementation Committee members include: Lorna Hilman (Chair), Lillian Baaske, Phyllis Bentley, Susan Crawford, Lois Edgar, Donelda Eve, Tessa Graham, Joan Reichardt, Margaret Reilly, and Ruth Schiller.

The **Atlantic Regional** Seniors' Workshop on Research was held November 16-17 in Dartmouth, NS. With over 60 regional participants from the Atlantic provinces, the workshop discussions revealed common issues related to research on aging as well as province-specific issues. Workshop proceedings will be available in the spring. The IA is thankful for the contributions of the Atlantic Regional Implementation Committee led by co-Chairs: Stephen Coyle (Government of Nova Scotia) and Pamela Fancey (Mount Saint Vincent University). Members included: Lynn Bryant (Government of Newfoundland & Labrador), Olive Bryanton (Centre on Health & Aging, PEI), Mary Cooley (NACA), Janice Keefe and Sheila Laidlaw (CIHR Institute of Aging Advisory Board representatives), Irene Rose (Health Canada), and Reg MacDonald (NACA).

2004 Canadian Association on Gerontology Conference, October 21-23 in Victoria. The IA sponsored two Special Joint CAG/CIHR Symposia:

- 1- Issues Related to the Older Driver: Assessing Competency to Drive by Health Professionals -- The Psychosocial and Functional Impact of Driving Cessation on Older Persons and Their Families. Convener & Chair: Allen Dobbs. Speakers: Malcolm Man-Son-Hing, Frank Molnar, Holly Tuokko.
- 2- Stress, Self-Esteem, and Life Regrets: Impact on the Aging Process. Convener & Chair: Sonia Lupien. Speakers: Sonia Lupien, Jens Pruessner, Carsten Wrosch.

In partnership with the Canadian Gerontological Nursing Association and the Canadian Geriatrics Society, IA oversaw the Student Poster Competition. 15 posters were judged by Sandi Hirst, Anne Martin-Matthews, and Chris MacKnight on criteria reflecting the quality and merit of research, the quality of content, and demonstrated understanding of the subject. From 8 Masters degree applicants, the winner was Peter Laycock, for his poster titled, "Relocating Veterans: Their Perceptions of Preparation, Change and Control." Winner in the Doctoral degree category was Philip Berardi, for "Chromatin Remodelling During Cell Aging and Oncogenic Transformation". The IA Special Awards were announced for the highest ranked applicants in the following categories: Dawn Mackey (Doctoral Research), Cindy De Frias PhD and Hélène Girouard (Research Fellows), and Padmaja R. Kaul (New Investigator.)

Finally, an informal, open session invited conference delegates to meet IA's Scientific Director and ask questions about IA and CIHR funding opportunities. The IA plans to repeat these successful programs at the 2005 CAG conference in Halifax, with the addition of a CIHR Grants craft workshop.

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Acceptable Application Module Formats

Effective January 1, 2005, all applicants must use the Web Form application modules when applying for funding for all CIHR programs. Inputted PDF fillable forms will only be accepted where a corresponding web form does not exist. Hand-written applications will not be accepted. PDF forms for which there is an equivalent web form will remain on CIHR's web site to serve only as visual examples. For further information, please direct your inquiries to info@cihr-irsc.gc.ca or telephone (613) 954-1968. The application modules and guidelines for completion can be accessed at: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/797.html>

AGING-RELATED NEWS

Call for Papers "From Cure to Prevention: Bringing Together the Partners for Change" hosted by the Centre for Health Management Research at the University of Lethbridge will be held September 29 – October 01, 2005, Banff Centre, Alberta. <http://www.uleth.ca/man/research/centres/chmr/conferences/2005.shtml>

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