



Research Canada **On the Move**

Ambrose Panel

Consultation

Dr. Ryan Wiley, Research Canada's Chair, was invited to the Advisory Panel on Healthcare Innovation's Stakeholder Consultation in Ottawa on December 8th, 2014. The key messages delivered by the panel were that panelists were interpreting their mandate to identify five innovations broadly and generously. In other words, they would be looking for five systemic innovations and five themes that would inform healthcare innovation and effect health system transformation. While they would be examining the role of the private sector, they were clear that they would not be looking at the role of basic science. They also stressed the importance of the panel acting within the boundaries of the Canada Health Act. Finally, they indicated they were focused on the experience of the average Canadian within the healthcare system as opposed to special populations.

Dr. Wiley reported a lot of consensus around the table of stakeholders in attendance, which included national health research, advocacy and professional organizations. Stakeholders agreed there was a need for greater integration and collaboration at the national level. They expressed strong support for strengthening the convening power of the federal government and called for a national health information strategy. Stakeholders spent time discussing the governance of a national healthcare innovation strategy-what would that look like at the national level and in relationship to the provinces.

Minister Ambrose met with stakeholders emphasizing the important role of the federal government in healthcare innovation. She was receptive to comments and recommendations from stakeholders.

Submission

[Research Canada's official submission to the Advisory Panel on Healthcare Innovation can be viewed here.](#)

A Partners' Letter to the Minister

Earlier this fall, Research Canada convened a table of national organizations with the aim of responding collaboratively to the Ambrose Panel Stakeholder Consultation. While the short-term goal was to produce a letter profiling our common position on healthcare innovation and our partnership, the long-term goal is to continue to meet on a regular basis and build a partnership in support of our common interests in health research, higher education and health innovation in Canada. [Please view our letter to the Ambrose Panel.](#)

Research Canada's 2014 AGM

Research Canada held its ninth Annual General Meeting in Ottawa on November 5th. For those of you who could not attend, we have created a web page to provide you with the presentations from our panel discussion on Cognitive Impairment in Aging, featuring Dr. Marla Shapiro, CTV Medical Consultant and a Research Canada Board Director, as Chair of the Panel, Dr. Thierry Mesana, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Ottawa Heart Institute, Dr. Antoine Hakim, Senior Scientist at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute and Mr. Andre Picard, Public Health Reporter, Globe and Mail. We also are providing you with video footage from our Health Research Caucus Luncheon featuring Dr. Andrew Simor, Head of Infectious Diseases at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. You can also peruse our 2014 Annual Report. [Please visit our website.](#)

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Health Research Caucus Event on Lyme Disease

Research Canada hosted an exclusive Health Research Caucus Luncheon with 25 Members of Parliament and other guests focused on research in Lyme Disease in Canada on December 3rd, 2014 on Parliament Hill. Parliamentarians asked for an event on this topic because there is an increasing number of constituents in their ridings who have either been affected by the disease or have expressed concerns about Lyme disease. Drs. Tara Moriarity from the University of Toronto and Nick Ogden from the Public Health Agency of Canada presented on the challenges in diagnostics and gaps in knowledge of the disease as well as the Public Health Agency of Canada's Plan for Lyme Disease.

These smaller Caucus events build a multi-party base of health research advocates on the Hill who in turn influence and educate colleagues in their respective party caucuses about the social and economic benefits of Canadian health research and health innovation. It is incremental advocacy at its best! If your institution or company would like to sponsor this kind of an event or any Health Research Caucus event, please contact us at president@rc-rc.ca

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Leadership Award

Research Canada launched its inaugural Leadership Award on Wednesday, November 19th on the occasion of Rx&D's 100th Anniversary Award Gala. We were pleased to honour the Centre for Addictions Research of British Columbia, Dr. Michael Julius, Vice President of Research at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and Mr. Russell Williams, President and CEO of Rx&D as our 2014 and first-time award winners. For more information on the award recipients and the award gala please visit www.rc-rc.ca/advocacy/research-canada-leadership-award

Public Opinion Poll

Research Canada is undertaking a national public opinion poll in collaboration with the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada, the Health Charities Coalition of Canada, HealthcareCAN, RX&D, Michael Smith Foundation in B.C. and the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation. The poll will focus on tracking data from previous Research Canada polls including collecting information about clinical research in Canada. We will produce both national data and provincial data for B.C. and Saskatchewan. The data will be made available early in 2015 and will be used during the 2015 Federal Election campaign to advocate for health research and health innovation in Canada.

Your Candidates, Your Health

Research Canada will once again launch its election campaign program, Your Candidates, Your Health just prior to Election 2015. The aim of the program is to provide our Members with information about federal candidates in your respective ridings and advocacy tools that you can use on the ground to lobby candidates on behalf of health research and health innovation in Canada. Next year's program will feature our standard Election Primer along with other interactive tools which will be made available on our website. Stay tuned for more information.



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Our best wishes for
Happy Holidays and a
prosperous New Year!

Nos meilleurs vœux de
bonheur et de prospérité
pour la nouvelle année !



Social media

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