



Research Canada **On the Move**

2014 Highlights

Happy New Year! This year promises to be a busy one, with three Health Research Caucus events on Parliament Hill that will profile our members' research institutions, researchers and their support for health research in Canada; regional roundtables and institute visits; a public opinion poll; and a dynamic Annual General Meeting scheduled for November 2014.

Members of Parliament have expressed a strong interest in the area of diabetes, pediatric diseases and child health, and vaccine research for our 2014 focus. **We need your input!** Contact President and CEO [Deborah Gordon-El-Bihbety](#) with your suggestions for our 2014 Health Research Caucus events.

New Board Directors

Research Canada welcomed four new Directors to its 2014-15 Board. We are delighted to have Dr. Joan Bottorff, Mr. Peter Brenders, Dr. Martin Osmond & Dr. Christopher Paige join [our team](#).

Canadian Consultation

The federal government has launched a Science and Technology Consultation strategy to enhance the performance and success of Canadian R&D innovation.

Check out the [consultation paper](#), provide your own feedback and stay tuned for our response, available February 7, 2014.

Politically speaking

A year ago, the Conservative party, despite some good economic numbers, was facing a resurgent Liberal party with the emergence of its new leader, Justin Trudeau. By the end of 2013, Mr. Trudeau had pushed ahead of his opponents in leadership polls. Political pundits are musing that party prospects for 2014 may rest with how well each performs with their respective bases and their appeal to disenfranchised voters.

How will the political climate in 2014 fare for the Government on the federal scene? Amidst all the excitement, you can [keep track of the work our Parliamentarians are doing](#).

Budget 2014 Murmurings...

Minister of Finance, Jim Flaherty, is dedicated to balancing the budget and given an economic growth forecast of 2.5 per cent in 2014, there is little room for the federal government to undertake new spending initiatives. Nevertheless, Research Canada will continue advocating for investments in health research, development and innovation. It is expected that the Budget will be tabled early in February. Stay tuned for Research Canada's response and an in-depth analysis of the impact of the Budget on Canadian health R&D.

2014 Global R&D Funding forecast

[Battelle](#) has produced its 2014 Global R&D Funding Forecast that projects how political developments and economic conditions around the globe will affect R&D support in 2014. Canada is expected to continue to rank eleventh in 2014 in terms of Gross Expenditures on R&D (GERD).



Other highlights from the Forecast include:

- * Economic and R&D growth in Asian countries has slowed, but R&D investments still outpace the rest of the world, with China's continuing unmatched economic growth and R&D increases.
- * U.S. R&D investment is back on track with modest growth expected to continue through 2020.

View the whole report [here](#).

Some lessons for Canada

The fascinating Mr. Norman Augustine, whose numerous career accomplishments span government and technology, recently spoke at a [TEDx talk](#). From his unique experience, he provides a particularly compelling argument for why declining funding runs counter to the U.S.'s best interest. Without a trifecta of new knowledge, educated people and an innovation-friendly ecosystem, science cannot advance and the viability of the American dream -and some would deduce, the Canadian dream as well- is at risk.

Reports from RC's 2013 AGM

Check out the two excellent panel discussions that were held on the occasion of Research Canada's 2013 AGM

[Health Innovation Panel: Building Public and Private Sector Partnerships: How does the US do it better and will it work in Canada?](#)

[Social Media Panel: How can Social Media be used to build an Online Community of Health Research Supporters, Partners and Advocates?](#)

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RC's AGM at Your Doorstep

Research Canada's Annual Report, released and distributed at our 2013 AGM is now available on our [website](#).

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words

Please visit [Research Canada's website](#) to view the photos from Research Canada's 2013 AGM.

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