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Research Canada **On the Move**

Health Research Caucus Event

Just this last week Research Canada held its latest Health Research Caucus and the event was deemed a success by all who participated. Canadian health researchers presented ground-breaking research in technologies, genetics and therapeutics to a large and interested group of MPs and Senators. Also present were two patients who attested to the life-changing therapeutics and treatments that have improved their quality of life pioneered by Canadian researchers. The event's success was in no small part thanks to the support and partnership of our sponsors. Sanofi was the Platinum sponsor. Astra Zeneca and Rx&D were Gold Sponsors. Other sponsors included the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute, Cystic Fibrosis Canada, IRCM, CHEO Research Institute, the Canadian Diabetes Association, JDRF, and Providence Health Care Research Institute. Please visit our website for more information about the event and watch a video of some of the speakers.



Upcoming Health Research Caucus Events:

Medical Device Technologies

On October 6th, 2014, Senator Ogilvie, Chair of the Health Research Caucus, will host an event on Parliament Hill showcasing Canadian innovation in medical device technologies. Currently, we are exploring opportunities to profile joint replacements and the new materials that have been developed through research along with technologies to use computer assisted placement strategies for joints. We will explore the area of medical simulation science where surgeries and other procedures are modeled on the computer to train health professionals before they use their skills on a patient. We will profile CT perfusion which is a technique that allows a radiologist to assess blood flow in stroke-affected parts of the brain and identify brain cells that are at risk and could be saved. Smart technologies that keep elderly and frail patients in their homes will be featured. We will also explore the many Apps available to help patients self-manage their diseases. And there is more. Please mark your calendars for October 6th!

Superbugs

On November 5th, 2014, Research Canada will hold its Annual General Meeting in Ottawa and will feature a Health Research Caucus Luncheon on Superbugs - those that are threatening Canadians hospitals and those that fly in on planes from around the world. Parliamentarians have expressed a strong interest in this area. Further details on this important luncheon will be provided in the weeks ahead.

Lyme Disease

Most Canadians think of Lyme Disease as a rare illness that afflicts hikers bitten by ticks in the deep woods. This does not begin to capture the true threat of Lyme disease, which in its chronic form can turn into a life sentence of debilitating joint pain and neurological problems. Disease-carrying ticks in Canada have increased tenfold in the past two decades. Reported cases jumped 146% between 2009 and 2012. Advocates say that testing is inadequate and doctors lack awareness of Lyme, resulting in gross underreporting and under diagnosis of this rapidly developing infectious disease. An exclusive luncheon for 20 Health Research Caucus Members of Parliament will be held in the late fall. Parliamentarians will hear from an eminent scientist working in the field who can help them better understand the research that must be supported in this area to deal with this emerging health problem.

Research Canada's Inaugural Health Research Award to be Launched Alongside Prix Galien and HRF Award

On November 19th, the occasion of the Prix Galien and the Rx&D Foundation's HRF Award, Research Canada will launch its Inaugural Health Research Advocacy Award. The award will honor outstanding advocates for medical, health and scientific research. The Health Research Advocacy Award will be presented to an individual or organization who/which has made outstanding efforts in advocating for Canadian health research at the local, provincial and/or national level.

The Call for Nominations will be issued at the end of May. We look forward to your nominations for this prestigious recognition of excellence in health research advocacy in Canada.

Research Canada's Ninth Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM, *Health Research-the New Superhero: Facing Off Against Emerging Health*

Challenges will be held on November 5th, 2014 in Ottawa, starting at 8 am and ending at 1:30 pm. We will be organizing a number of meetings with MPs on the Hill for the afternoon. Let us know if you would like to arrange a meeting with your Member of Parliament so that we can make arrangements for you and your party.

We will commence the day at 8:00 am with our business meeting to elect the New Board and provide an update from the Chair and President and CEO on the past year's advocacy activities.

At 10:00 am we will feature a panel discussion on **Cognitive Impairment in Aging** which will include panelists: Dr. Anthony Hakim, Director, Neuroscience, Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, CEO & Scientific Director, Canadian Stroke Network, Dr. Thierry Mesana, President and Chief Executive Officer of the University of Ottawa Heart Institute and Mr. Andre Picard, Public Health Reporter, Globe and Mail, chaired by Dr. Marla Shapiro.

At noon Senator Kelvin K. Ogilvie, the Chair of the Health Research Caucus will host the Health Research Caucus Luncheon which will focus on the topic of **Superbugs** (see above). The Keynote Speaker will be announced in the weeks ahead.

We look forward to seeing you there!!!

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

<https://www.facebook.com/ResearchCanada>

We have also launched a Youtube channel where we have uploaded a video from the recent Health Research Caucus. You can find our first video at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WeD6QTSF0PM>

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