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A Parliamentary Health Research Caucus Luncheon was held on February 13, 2017 focused on Neuroscience Research in Canada. The Guest Speakers were Dr. Beverley Orser from Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and Dr. Charles Bourque from McGill University.

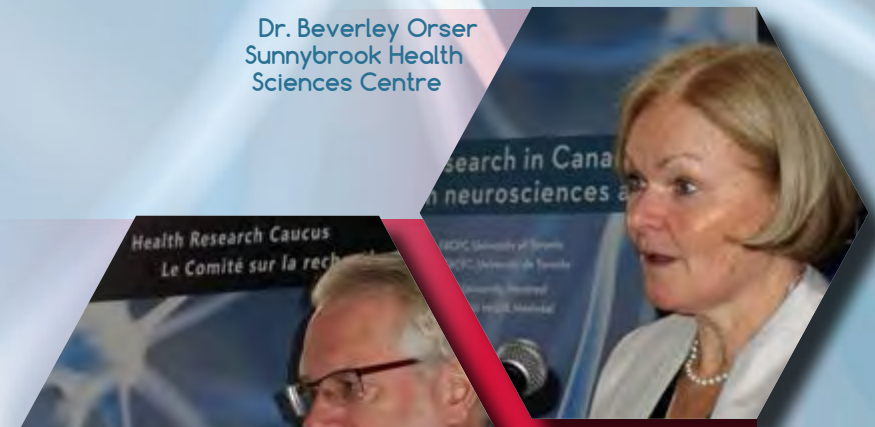
# Neuroscience Research in Canada

“Research Canada helps institutions like the CHEO Research Institute demonstrate to Parliamentarians the value of investing in health research. The Parliamentary Health Research Caucus gives us the opportunity to share new discoveries that will lead to healthier children tomorrow.”

– Martin Osmond,  
CEO and Scientific Director of CHEO Research Institute

## The Parliamentary Health Research Caucus

Dr. Beverley Orser  
Sunnybrook Health  
Sciences Centre



Dr. Charles Bourque  
McGill University



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Deborah Gordon-El-Bihbety  
President and CEO, Research Canada (right)  
Pamela Fralick  
President, Innovative Medicines Canada (left)



**INDIGENOUS** CANADA  
HEALTH RESEARCH

A reception on Indigenous Health Research in Canada on June 5, 2017, brought together Indigenous and non-Indigenous health researchers. The event was presided over by Minister Carolyn Bennett and attended by Minister Jane Philpott and close to 100 Members of Parliament.

The Hon. Dr. Carolyn Bennett PC MP  
Minister of Indigenous and  
Northern Affairs



## The Parliamentary Health Research Caucus



Dr. Carrie Bourassa  
Chair of Northern & Indigenous Health at  
Health Sciences North Research Institute  
Scientific Director of the Institute of  
Aboriginal Peoples' Health, CIHR



A Parliamentary Health Research Caucus Luncheon on the occasion of Research Canada's AGM featured Research Canada's 2016 Leadership Award recipients, Drs. Julio Montaner and Grant Pierce. The luncheon was presided over by Minister Jane Philpott.



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The Hon. Dr. Jane Philpott, PC MP  
Minister of Health  
MP (Markham-Stouffville)

LEADERSHIP IN HEALTH RESEARCH AND  
HEALTH RESEARCH ADVOCACY

## The Parliamentary Health Research Caucus

Dr. Julio Montaner  
Director of British Columbia  
Centre for Excellence in  
HIV/AIDS (BC-CfE)



Dr. Grant N. Pierce  
Executive Director of Research,  
St. Boniface Hospital,  
Professor of Physiology  
and Pathophysiology,  
University of Manitoba



biotechnology  
in  
health research



les biotechnologies  
dans  
la recherche en santé

On October 16, 2017, a reception on Biotechnology in Health Research was held featuring both researchers and CEOs of biotech companies. We were pleased to have our highly-valued Member, BIOTECanada as co-host for this event.

## The Parliamentary Health Research Caucus

“Research Canada’s Parliamentary Health Research Caucus provides a wonderful opportunity for researchers and parliamentarians to connect. These connections can lead to important opportunities to enhance support for research and improve the health and prosperity of Canadians.”

– Jennifer Ganton  
Director, Communications and Public Relations,  
Ottawa Hospital Research Institute

Andrew Casey  
President and CEO,  
BIOTECanada



Parliamentary  
Health Research  
Caucus



Dr. Robert McMaster  
Chair of Research Canada

Dr. Michael Duong  
Director,  
Evidence Generation,  
Medical Affairs,  
Hoffmann-La Roche



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LES PRIX CANADA GAIRDNER AWARDS

Luncheon  
in Honour of  
Gairdner Awardees

2017

Dr. Cesar Victoria



Mr. John Oliver, MP (Oakville) and  
Chair of the Health Research Caucus



Dr. Antoine Hakim

On October 24, 2017, Research Canada co-hosted a Luncheon with the Gairdner Foundation in the Parliamentary Restaurant with Members of Parliament to celebrate this year's Gairdner awardees. Dr. Antoine Hakim, winner of the 2017 Canada Gairdner Wightman Award and Dr. Cesar Victoria, the 2017 John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award winner joined us for this celebration of Canadian and international talent in biomedical research.



Stem Cell Research and  
Regenerative Medicine

La Recherche sur  
les cellules souches  
et la médecine  
régénérative

On December 5, 2017, we held a Stem Cell Luncheon with special guest Speakers Dr. Lauralyn McIntyre of the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute and Professor Timothy Caulfield of the University of Alberta. Parliamentarians were treated to two special presentations focused on a multi-site clinical trial on treating sepsis and stem cell tourism and the marketing of unproven treatments.

Dr. Lauralyn McIntyre  
Ottawa Hospital  
Research Institute



## The Parliamentary Health Research Caucus

“The events organized by the Caucus provide unique, informal forums to discuss how Canadian health innovation is improving our health system, improving care, and making a difference in the lives of Canadians.”

– Katie Lafferty,

*Executive Director of the Canadian Partnership for Stroke Recovery*

Prof. Timothy Caulfield  
University of Alberta





In mid October, 2017, we initiated a social media campaign, #Support4Research. The focus was the Naylor Panel funding recommendations for research. Patients speaking about the importance of health research to their health care provided context and personalized the message.

Ken Hardie MP @KenHardie  
 Heard about some great research underway at our leading hospitals in Canada...worthy of more support.

Nafisa Jadavji, PhD @Nafisa\_10 #Canada needs to invest more into #research @JustinTrudeau. #Support4Research

## #Support4Research Social Media Campaign

Rotman Research @rotmanresearch By studying #memory and the #brain, we hope to identify potential predictors of age-related brain disorders #Support4Research #research

57 users sent 123 posts, with a potential 239,264 impressions mentioning the #Support4Research hashtag in the first week

Michael M. Pumpkins @michaelhoffman  
 Let's make our scientific research a source of national pride. Put gas in the tank. @JustinTrudeau @telfordk @gmbutts #Support4Research

The Royal @TheRoyalMHC  
 We can't fix what we can't see. #Research makes the invisible ~visible~. We need serious investments. #Support4Research

Michener Institute @MichenerInst  
 #Support4Research matters because it informs how we educate and turn research innovation into patient care





Research Canada submitted to the *House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance (FINA)* calling for:

- \$485 million over four years to fund independent investigator-led research
- Stable funding of \$300 million/year for the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)
- Enhanced support for doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows, and research chairs
- New support for small capital grants, as well as for the costs associated with federally-funded research
- Support for science-based graduate students to pursue non-academic careers

Without significant reinvestment in fundamental, investigator-led science, other related investments will be ineffectual.

## FINA Submission

“Any one can make a laundry list of asks from various sectors. But it takes an organization like Research Canada that is dedicated to finding integrated approaches to these issues that can rally the troops, consolidate views and move us forward as a sector.”

– Russell Williams,  
Chair of the Canadian Frailty Network



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CANADA'S FUNDAMENTAL  
SCIENCE REVIEW  
2017

INVESTING IN  
CANADA'S FUTURE

Strengthening the Foundations of Canadian Research



# RESEARCH



The 2017 Leadership in Advocacy Award was announced at the Prix Galien and the Health Research Foundation's Medal of Honour Award Ceremony on November 22, 2017 in Montreal. Dr. Christopher Paige and Dr. Eleanor Fish, both of whom are at the University Health Network and University of Toronto are this year's Leadership in Advocacy Award winners.

## Leadership in Advocacy Award



Research Canada  
Leadership Award

In response to the Fundamental Science Review's Report, which was released earlier this year, Research Canada hosted, in collaboration with the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada, Innovative Medicines Canada and the Health Charities Coalition of Canada, a series of national partners' meetings of eight organizations dedicated to advancing health research and health innovation in Canada.

The purpose of these meetings was to share our organizations' respective responses to the report and to develop a unified fall 2017 lobbying campaign to ensure that Budget 2018 reflected the funding recommendations contained in the Naylor Panel Report.



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## Bridging the Stakeholder Divide



health • research • innovation

portal

The Media Portal is a Research Canada service to its Members that was created in 2016. It provides a platform that allows Members to get the word out about their groundbreaking research and innovations. Research Canada Members are using the service to distribute their media releases to science and health journalists at a fraction of the cost of using a standard newswire service. In 2017, Research Canada's Members expressed strong satisfaction with the service which now has repeat customers and is growing as a valuable membership benefit!



## Health Research & Innovation Portal

Media release distribution

Health & Research News Digest

Social media and direct-to-subscriber distribution

"This communication tool was very useful to publicize an international summit and to enhance the visibility of our institute. As a Member of Research Canada, it is definitely a huge advantage."

– Dr. Tarik Möröy,

*President and Scientific Director of the Montreal Clinical Research Institute*

[www.hriportal.ca](http://www.hriportal.ca)

## Six Parliamentary Health Research Caucus events in 2018.

# Into the Future

Artificial  
Intelligence  
and Machine  
Learning  
in Health  
Research

Research  
Solutions to  
the Opioid  
Crisis

Northern  
and Rural  
Health  
Research

Healthy Aging  
Research and  
Innovation

Paediatric  
Medicines  
and Clinical  
Trials

Celebrating our  
Gairdners

Advocating for the investments in health research and policies that build a strong health innovation system require a consistent presence on Parliament Hill — a presence Research Canada has because of your ongoing support.



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