CIHR Funding News
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1) CIHR at a Glance – Working for You

a) Announcement of the Model Clinical Trial Template Agreement (mCTA)

On September 15, 2011, CIHR was pleased to announce that for the first time in Canada, a model Clinical Trial Template Agreement (mCTA) has been proposed for pilot purposes in negotiating regular (non-exceptional) Phase II and Phase III single and multisite clinical trial agreements between sponsors, clinical sites, and principal investigators. The template is a direct response to calls from the field for such a resource. The mCTA was proposed jointly by representatives of both ACAHO and Rx&D who worked with legal counsel, through funding provided by CIHR.

The best way to ascertain and improve the agreement at this point is to allow the field to test it.

To this end, CIHR, along with ACAHO and Rx&D, invites all members of ACAHO and Rx&D, and any other interested healthcare organizations and clinical trial sponsors, to participate in a 6 month pilot, from October 1, 2011, to March 31, 2012. Feedback is also welcomed from all other stakeholders. Information about the pilot program itself is available on the CIHR website at http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/44186.html?utm_campaign=enews109_e&utm_source=ealert&utm_medium=email&utm_content=44186. Ultimately, our goal is to simplify and expedite the start-up times for clinical trials in Canada. Doing so will bring us one step closer towards increasing the attractiveness of Canadian clinical trial sites as preferred partners internationally for clinical
trials, and ultimately continue to bring human, social and economic benefits to all.

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b) Save the Date, November 16, 2011 – Canadian Health Research Awards

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research and Prix Galien Canada are proud to present the tenth annual Canadian Health Research Awards – A Celebration of Excellence, in recognition of Canada’s best and brightest health researchers. This special evening will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the National Gallery of Canada – 380 Sussex Drive, Ottawa.

Cocktail from 5 p.m.
Awards Ceremony at 6:25 p.m.
Reception from 8 to 9 p.m.

Please RSVP at excellence@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

For more information about the Canadian Health Research Awards – A Celebration of Excellence, please visit http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/excellence.html?utm_campaign=enews109_e&utm_source=ealert&utm_medium=email&utm_content=excellence or contact us by phone at 613-612-6975.

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2) Funding Opportunity News

a) Funding opportunities posted between September 23 and November 2, 2011 by CIHR and its partners

The following is a list of funding opportunities which CIHR and its partners posted between September 23 and November 2, 2011.

To view these opportunities, please use the CIHR Funding Opportunity Database at http://bit.ly/uy85ub

Simply select the opportunity from the list which is sorted alphabetically.

* Knowledge Synthesis Grant: Expedited Knowledge Synthesis (EIHR)

* Other: Health Research Communications Award (2011-2012)

* Other: Science Policy Fellowships (2011-2012)

* Other: Science to Business (2011-2012)

* Prize: Betty Havens Prize (2012)
* Prize: Knowledge Translation Prize (2011-2012)

Please direct specific inquiries on the funding opportunity to the contact person listed at the bottom of the funding opportunity.

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3) Links to Institute and Portfolio News

a) CIHR's Knowledge Translation Branch Announces the Second Launch of the New Science Policy Fellowships Program

Here is your chance to learn about and have an impact in the policy world. Contribute to bringing evidence to inform health policy. Understand how evidence informed decision making works. We are offering fellowships for “embedded” researchers in the policy world.

This new and exciting Funding Opportunity was launched for the second time on October 14, 2011 with a new series of policy assignments. This program provides highly qualified candidates at the doctoral, post-doctoral, new investigator and mid-senior investigator stages of health research with the opportunity to learn more about current Canadian health policy activities and the science/policy interface.

The CIHR KT Branch has partnered with the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research to help foster positive exchanges between health researchers and policy makers. The program aims to help bridge the gap between the worlds of science and policy making by providing funding for researchers to undertake fellowships at Health Canada and the British Columbia Ministry of Health. Support will be provided through short-term policy assignments for highly qualified individuals who are engaged in health research to participate in and contribute to the policy making processes while learning first-hand about the intersection of science and policy.

Application deadline: December 5, 2011
Funding start date: April 1, 2012

For more information on this funding opportunity, please view our promotional video on the CIHR YouTube channel, http://bit.ly/udOLH6 , and/or contact Jasmine Lefebvre, Senior Knowledge Translation Specialist at 613-952-8965 or by e-mail at jasmine.lefebvre@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

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4) Announcements from other organizations

a) Research Ethics Interpretation and Education Initiatives launched by the Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics

OTTAWA (October 18, 2011)
TCPS 2 Interpretations now available
The Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics (the Panel) is pleased to share its first selection of TCPS 2 interpretations, compiled from responses to questions of general interest. These interpretations can be found at http://bit.ly/rUxiiM. Further interpretations will be added periodically.

TCPS 2 Webinars to begin in November
Starting in November, the Panel will offer a series of webinars on TCPS 2 topics identified by the research community. All webinars will be presented live, once in English and once in French, and then posted on the Panel's website for viewing at your convenience. Invitations to join a live webinar will be sent two weeks in advance of each presentation.

Upcoming Webinars:
* What’s New in TCPS 2? (November)
* Scope of Research Ethics Review (December)
* Governance of Research Ethics Review (January)
* Research involving the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples of Canada (February)
* Clinical Trials (March)

For more information about the Panel, please contact:

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CIHR Wants to Hear from You
Absence does not make the heart grow fonder – CIHR wants to hear from you as much as possible. There is a wonderful story to tell about the results and benefits of health research in Canada, but we need your help to truly make this a page turner. And, we need to keep telling this story. So, we encourage you to let us know when you have or, better still, are close to publishing the results of research funded by CIHR. Please drop us a line at mediarelations@cihr-irsc.gc.ca

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