Week of March 16, 2018

Dear colleagues,

Please find below this week’s updates:

- You are invited to register for the upcoming 4th Annual McMaster International Review Course in Internal Medicine (MIRCIM) 2018. It will take place in Krakow, Poland from May 10 – 12, 2018. Further information can be found in the attached invitation or at the website.

- Please join us for the first “McMaster Department of Medicine Day”, this year at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) on Saturday, May 5, 2018. This is a family friendly event for Departmental faculty and staff and will feature special presentations from ROM curators, David Evans and Doug Currie, that are arranged as exclusive benefits for our Department. Your admission price will include presentations, lunch and time to explore other various exhibits the museum has to offer. To save 20% off regular admission rates, purchase your tickets online at www.rom.on.ca and use the promo code: MCMASTER. If you plan to attend using your ROM membership, please notify Sara Sellers at sellers@mcmaster.ca. Space is limited and we are hoping for a great turnout of faculty and staff. Further details are attached.

- The Office of the Dean and Vice-President and the Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) Program invite you to attend a special presentation by Dr. Thomas Strickland, Assistant Professor at the McEwan School of Architecture at Laurentian University. He will present on Wednesday, March 21 at 4:30 pm in MDCL 3023. Further details are in the attached poster.

- In recognition of exemplary contributions to healthcare in our Community, Nationally and Globally, the Medical Staff Association is asking for your nomination of a physician whose volunteer medical services extend beyond the hospital walls, for the 2018 MSA Humanitarian Award. Kindly send your nomination letter to the MSA Office, Hamilton General Hospital, 3 Upper, Room 321, 237 Barton St. E., Hamilton, ON L8L 2X2 OR email to msa@hhsc.ca or fax 905-577-1479. Deadline: March 31, 2018. To be presented at the MSA Annual Dinner & Awards on June 21, 2018 6:00 pm at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington.

- To all HHS Medical Staff Association Members, please find attached information regarding the call for nominations for the prestigious Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award for 2018. Submission deadline is March 31, 2018.

- The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame invites you to the annual Discovery Day in Health Sciences hosted by Hamilton Health Sciences Research, in collaboration with McMaster University and St. Joseph’s Healthcare Hamilton. On Wednesday, May 16, this outreach initiative will again give approximately 200 area high school students the opportunity to explore careers in...
medicine and other sciences via a keynote lecture, interactive workshops and discussion with a panel of experts from various related fields.

We are currently looking for dynamic and engaging presenters to host a workshop for a group of students in either the morning (10:00 to 11:15), afternoon (12:30 – 1:45) or both sessions. Presenters can be faculty, clinicians, technicians, researchers, grad/undergrad students. We are trying to develop as diverse a program as possible, to help students think outside the box. More information including our event day agenda and forms can be found on our website at [http://www.cdnmedhall.org/hhsc](http://www.cdnmedhall.org/hhsc) DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: March 29.

- Please find attached this month’s notes from the [CIHR webex](http://www.cdnmedhall.org/hhsc). The deadline for Spring project grants is March 6, and they are hoping that the injection of new money from this week’s budget will improve the success rates! There are also fewer applications this round, down ~20% from Fall 2017.

- You are invited to the [Genome Canada Information Session](http://www.cdnmedhall.org/hhsc) taking place on April 5 at 1:30 pm in MDCL 2232. Further information is attached.

- You are invited to an upcoming talk in the [Hannah History of Medicine and Medical Humanities Speaker Series](http://www.cdnmedhall.org/hhsc), sponsored by the Hannah Unit in the History of Medicine. The talk will take place on March 28th in the MDCL with Dr. Samer Ali, Director, Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies; Associate Professor, Department of Arabic Language and Literature, University of Michigan presenting. Please find the poster attached.

- Please join us at [Grand Rounds](http://www.cdnmedhall.org/hhsc) next week on **March 22, 2018 at 8:00 am**. Medical Grand Rounds-SJH will be hosting Dr. Gerry Cox in the Miller Amphitheatre who will be speaking on *Modern Management of Pulmonary Fibrosis*. Further information on this event, and many others taking place in the Department, can be found in the [ETA Calendar](http://www.cdnmedhall.org/hhsc).

If you have anything you would like to share with your colleagues, please submit it to Sara Sellers at [sellers@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sellers@mcmaster.ca)

Mark A. Crowther  
Professor and Chair, Department of Medicine
Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to attend the 4th McMaster International Review Course in Internal Medicine (MIRCIM), which will take place in the beautiful historic city of Kraków, Poland, on May 10–12, 2018.

MIRCIM has been conceived and developed by the McMaster University Department of Medicine, the birthplace of evidence-based medicine (EBM) and problem-based learning (PBL), and the Polish Institute for Evidence Based Medicine. It is organized in collaboration with Jagiellonian University Medical College and the Polish Society of Internal Medicine in partnership with over 20 national societies of internal medicine from around the world.

The two-day course will be filled with information-packed lectures delivered by an outstanding assembly of speakers who are world-renowned experts in their fields, from authors of clinical practice guidelines to researchers behind breakthrough trials that shape the modern standards in medicine. Our aim has been to deliver up-to-date and reliable knowledge that is useful to general internists, subspecialists, hospitalists, family physicians, residents and fellows in training specialising in internal medicine – and we are proud to say that we have achieved this goal.

The lectures will be delivered on May 11 and 12. On the first day, May 10, the participants will be able to choose from a number of clinical workshops.

The course will take place in the ICE Kraków Congress Centre, located conveniently in the city centre and close to Kraków’s famous tourist attractions. The time spent in Kraków during the course will offer a myriad of opportunities to experience the rich cultural life and remarkable heritage that the city boasts.

In 2017, MIRCIM attracted almost 900 participants from 36 countries. The participants highly praised the quality of lectures, topic selection and social events (see at www.mircim.eu/2017).

We look forward to seeing you in Kraków in May 2018.

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Dear colleagues,

Please join us for the first “McMaster Department of Medicine Day”, this year at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) on Saturday, May 5, 2018. This is a family friendly event for Departmental faculty and staff and will feature special presentations from ROM curators, David Evans and Doug Currie, that are arranged as exclusive benefits for our Department.

David is the Temerty Chair and Senior Curator in Vertebrate Palaeontology at the ROM, where he oversees dinosaur research. He is also a cross-appointed Associate Professor at the University of Toronto. David is an Ontario-born researcher who is recognized as an authority on the rich dinosaur fossil record of Canada and the time period immediately before the great extinction that marked the end of the Age of Dinosaurs. Active in the field, he has participated in expeditions all over the world, including the Africa, Mongolia, and Canada, and has helped discover over 10 new dinosaur species- including the remarkable horned dinosaur *Wendiceratops* from southern Alberta, and the wickedly armoured *Zuul* named after the *Ghostbusters* movie monster. Many of you will know that Dr. Crowther and David have an active research collaboration and Dr. Crowther has become an active member of David’s field team in Alberta. David’s talk will focus on recent exciting discoveries from ROM fieldwork, and will include an “up close and personal” with some of its famous dinosaur collection.

Doug is Vice-President, Department of Natural History and Senior Curator of Entomology at the ROM and Associate Professor in the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology at the University of Toronto. Doug’s research interests are focused on the systematics and comparative biology of aquatic insects, with special reference to black flies. Doug will speak about an upcoming ROM blockbuster special display on spiders – making something that many people are afraid of part of a great interactive educational display.

The ROM is putting this event on exclusively for us! Your admission price will include presentations, lunch and time to explore other various exhibits the museum has to offer. To save 20% off regular admission rates, purchase your tickets online at [www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca) and use the promo code: **MCMASTER**. Please mark this date in your calendar. If you plan to attend using your ROM membership, please notify Sara Sellers at [sellers@mcmaster.ca](mailto:sellers@mcmaster.ca) Space is limited and we are hoping for a great turnout of faculty and staff. Further details are attached.

For those who have not visited the ROM, it is one of the world’s great museums and is consistently rated as Toronto’s premier cultural institution for all ages. It is easily accessible by car (either driving and parking in the area of the museum, or driving to the Kipling TTC station and taking the subway to St George station, a TTC family pass is a “can’t beat” price to get on the subway) or taking the GO from Aldershot or Burlington then the subway to Museum station. GO transit also offers a very competitive family pass to save the inconvenience of driving and parking in Toronto. This promises to be a great day for the entire family; and an opportunity to spend some “quality time” with your family and colleagues.
The Office of the Dean and Vice-President and the Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours) Program hosts

Thomas Strickland, PhD
Assistant Professor
McEwan School of Architecture
Laurentian University

Transforming Westdale, Transforming Medicine:
Designing the McMaster Health Sciences Centre

Wednesday, March 21st, 2018
4:30pm-6:00pm
MDCL-3023

In 1972, the McMaster Health Sciences Centre opened its doors on the south east corner of the university campus. The new facility was conceived by then university president, Dr Harry Thode, and architect Eberhard Zeidler, and promised to revolutionize medical education, research, and care. Widely celebrated as the foremost achievement in medical architecture, the building was designed to be welcoming, making it fun to go to the hospital. Yet this medical marvel would also profoundly change the surrounding landscape; a beloved community garden and the neighbourhood of Westdale. The talk will explore the design of the building, its promise for medicine, and the processes that reshaped campus and community.
ATTENTION HHS MEDICAL STAFF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS
Call for Nominations
For the Prestigious Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award for 2018

Criteria Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY: Members of the Medical Staff Association who have Active or Honorary status

Nominations for the Dr. Stephen Garnett Distinction Award to be awarded to a physician who, over the course of their career in medicine, have demonstrated excellence in the following areas:

CLINICAL
• Involved in some distinguished aspect of clinical activities (present or previous) at Hamilton Health Sciences.
• Local, national or international recognition in some aspect of clinical activities or program.
• Role model for the learners.
• Excellence in clinical care.

ADMINISTRATIVE
• Showed distinction in some aspect of administration: department level, Medical Advisory Committee or Medical Staff Association.
• Contribution to Hamilton Health Sciences mission (champion to the cause).

MEDICAL STAFF
• Contribution to Medical Staff activities, such as education, mentoring or other extra activities that benefit the Medical Staff.

AMBASSADORIAL
• Ambassador for Hamilton Health Sciences in local, national or international forums.

It is important that your letters of nomination address the established criteria and why you feel your nominee meets these criteria.

Submit your nomination letter to:
HHS Medical Staff Association Office,
Hamilton General Hospital, 3 Upper, Room 321
237 Barton St. East
Hamilton, ON L8L 2X2
Email msa@hhsc.ca or Fax to: 905-577-1479.

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to be presented at the
MEDICAL STAFF ASSOCIATION
Annual Dinner & Awards
on Thursday June 21, 2018 at
The Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington
Reception: 6:00 pm
Watch for your personal invitation in the mail in April
CIHR University Delegates Webex March 1, 2018

Please send questions or comments to Dr. Lori Burrows burrowl@mcmaster.ca

1. Update on Federal Budget - Christian Sylvain

Budget was tabled a couple of days ago – overwhelmingly positive responses.

Bulk of money going to agencies; message from the community was heard.

Money ramps up over time.

"Budget 2018 proposes a historic investment in support for researchers, in big data and in the equipment Canadian researchers need to succeed — and lead. This includes more than $1.7 billion over five years to support the next generation of Canadian researchers through Canada’s granting councils and research institutes, and would provide the single largest investment in fundamental research in Canadian history. It also includes over $1.3 billion over five years for investments in the laboratories, equipment and infrastructure researchers rely on every day."

Included in the budget document was information that President of CIHR role has been specifically changed to separate it from governance (welcomed by agency). This was already changed for NSERC and SSHRC 10 years ago.
What has changed in CIHR’s budget? CIHR got increases over the past several years but the money was mostly targeted, until 2016. There were other targeted programs in parallel eg CFREF.

Now there will be cumulative increases to the base budget, building to 90M stable increase; NSERC got same, SHRRC got a bit less.
New tricouncil funding to support international, interdisciplinary, high risk research. Co-shared and co-administrated.

**Investments in research**

Investments related to the priorities of the Canada Research Coordinating Committee (CRCC):

- **$275 million over 5 years** and $65 million per year ongoing, for a **new tri-council** fund to support international, interdisciplinary, and high-risk research (administered by SSHRC)

- To achieve greater **diversity** among funding recipients, including improved support for women, underrepresented groups and early-career researchers:
  - **$6 million over 5 years to NSERC** ($0.5 million ongoing) for surveys to collect improved data on researchers
  - **$15 million over 5 years, to NSERC**, to implement programs that support improved equality and diversity in academia at post-secondary institutions

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<td>$210 million over 5 years, with $50 million per year ongoing ($82 million to CIHR; $82 for NSERC $46 for SSHRC)</td>
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<td>$15 million to CIHR (plus $5 million to Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment) over 5 years to support a new national research consortium on PTSI among public safety officers.</td>
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Hard to get solid data on faculty, who is under-represented etc. Economic development is getting some money to tackle this research.

**Key measures related to Indigenous peoples**

**Indigenous health**

$1.5 billion over 5 years, starting in 2018–19, and $149 million per year ongoing, as follows:

- $498 million, with $97.6 million per year ongoing, to sustain access to **critical medical care and services**
- $200 million, with $40 million per year ongoing, to enhance the delivery of culturally appropriate **addictions treatment and prevention services** in First Nations communities with high needs.
- $235 million to work with First Nations partners to transform First Nations health systems by expanding successful **models of self-determination** so that health programs and services are developed, delivered and controlled by and for First Nations.
- $490 million over two years to preserve access to medically necessary health benefits and services through the **Non-Insured Health Benefits Program**.
- $109 million over 10 years, with $6 million per year ongoing, to respond to high rates of **tuberculosis in Inuit communities**, and develop a better understanding of the unique health needs of Inuit peoples through the co-creation of a distinct Inuit Health Survey.
- $6 million over five years to support the **Métis Nation** in gathering health data and developing a **health strategy**.

**Indigenous Statistical Capacity Development Initiative.**

$3.8 million over 5 years to Statistics Canada, starting in 2018–19, and $0.4 million per year ongoing, to create the **Indigenous Statistical Capacity Development Initiative**:

- to better understand the **statistical, data governance and information management needs**
- to provide **technical support services** such as statistical training, courses and tools
- to **build data and research capacities**, and provide greater support to Indigenous institutions and organizations.
There will be money targeted to increasing diversity and equality, esp CRC. Also for indirect costs (support fund), and PTSD research for first responders.

Many initiatives targeted at Indigenous peoples, both research on issues and on increasing representation.

There will be changes to CIHR act between now and summer (e.g. role of President). Also need to actually GET the money, the budget is just a promise.

**Next steps**

- Introduction of revisions to CIHR Act
- Appropriation of funds through Treasury Board submission process

**Questions from UD; paraphrased responses from CIHR staff**

*from Mark Filiaggi to All Participants:*

Increase in CRC funds not going to increase CRC funding levels?

*Expectation is more chairs primarily. Has been some discussion about increasing value by e.g. 10%. Value has not changed in 20 years. Policy direction is for MORE CHAIRS.*

*from David Rose to All Participants:*

Is it known how the new "tri-council fund" will be implemented? Separate application procedure or application through established council programs?

*Not yet determined. The councils are in the drivers seat for implementation. Ministers have had some discussions. Rapid response – each implements on their specific area. There will be more information released soon on the intent of the specific initiatives that will help inform this.*

*from David Rose to All Participants:*

In your early bar graph for the upcoming years, what did the colours indicate? (I think it was black and blue)?

*New dollars in grey.*
from Jim Woodgett to All Participants:

Looking at the graph, there is a linear increase in funding over the past five and next 5 years. The main difference is that the next 5 years the new money is unfettered. Is that correct?

Correct. CIHR can deploy as they see fit.

2. CIHR update – Adrian Mota

Institute advisory boards are ongoing renewal. If you are interested in applying, the deadline is April 9.


No news yet on the new President (March 31? End of fiscal year).

Decisions on Project grants – CIHR staff have written a clear and detailed explanation on how these are made. Currently in their staging area awaiting approval for release. Has been reviewed by UD executive committee, and is considered useful for better transparency.

April 27 is the UD face to face meeting in Ottawa. UDEC member David Rose will develop agenda, input is welcomed.

3. Update on Project grant competition – Martine Lafrance

3144 registrations received (about 20% less than last time).

Deadline is March 6 – they expect about 90% of registrations will lead to applications, so the final numbers will likely be below 3000.

Because of these projected numbers, they have established 57 committees (down from 65 in Fall 2017). The reduction is because committees such as Genetics, Health Services, IT, MID, Med Physics, Virology, not split as before.

Still working on Chairs and SO (104 recruited so far) – trying for 2 SO per committee. Recruiting reviewers in collaboration with the Chairs and SO. They have around 60% recruited so far for core membership, people with expertise reflecting mandate of the committees. 1060 core reviewers needed, plus any others that are needed specifically to fill expertise gaps. These latter reviewers will be recruited after the applications are received.

Training sessions for applicants (webinars) completed. Starting 8 sessions for reviewers in March (5 English, 3 French).
from Nicole Kitson to All Participants:
Can you explain why the funding notice of decision for the current Project Grant competition will be released July 10th, but the funding start date will not start until 3 months after that (Oct 1st)? Ordinarily, CIHR announces the decision, for instance, July 15th, and then the funding start date precedes that (e.g., July 1st).

Pilot project has converted to regular cycle. Spring and Fall funding starts are April and Oct, following Fall and Spring competition results.

from Jim Woodgett to All Participants:
Will you be reporting the gender balance of the committees? Even better, can this be compared with prior panels?

They have those data and they will be reported post-competition. They want to move to doing this for reviewers as they have been doing for applicants. They will be launching an analytical portal with these data.

from Penny D'Agnone to All Participants:
When will reviews be conducted for Projects?

Mid may to mid June, reviewers will have 4 weeks after completing the ability to review.

from Steve Smith to All Participants:
With the budget numbers in hand now, do you have a handle of total $ envelope for the Spring 2018 Project competition?

It was 225M planned – over the next 2 or 3 weeks the new money will get sorted out. There are 2 Project competitions per year, they will try to maximize the amount they can put in and balance out over the next 5 years.

from Jim Woodgett to All Participants:
Ball park, if all new money is added to the Project grants (two this year), it's 0.75 extra grants per panel.

from Brittney Roughan to All Participants:
Do you have an estimate for Fall Reg and Application deadlines?

They are staying with regular cycle, mid Aug, and mid Sept.

4. Foundation Grants update - Dale Dempsey

187 applicants were invited to stage 2; of that, 163 applications were received. They have completed draft assignments and those are being validated by Chairs today, distributed to reviewers later this week. Two webinars are scheduled on March 15 and March 20 for reviewers doing stage 2. Online discussion will be between April 10-12. Stage 2 notices will be sent out near the end of April.
from David Rose to All Participants:
Are you committed to a # of awards no matter the quality or is there a threshold where you will cut off?

They will fund until they run out of money. Avg is 3.1M dollars each, expecting between 30-40. No quality issues.

from Lori Burrows to All Participants:
What are the future plans for Foundation? Continue at this level? reduce further?

There is a working group looking at this program. What is the most reasonable evolution? There is a perceived value for this type of program. They will communicate the results when available.

from David Rose to All Participants:
We hope to have a report from that committee at our F2F.

from Brian Christie to All Participants:
Foundations grants were originally pitched as a means to remove a select population of elite researchers from the general mix. Have Foundation grants resulted in recipients being less active in Project grant schemes? or are Foundation recipients now just shifting to applying as "co-applicants" rather than primary applicants. This seems to be the impression of several of the reviewers I have talked with.

You can apply as a co applicant as a Foundation holder. Not discouraged from doing this. They are encouraged to apply to strategic programs to evolve their research.

from Samar Saneinejad to All Participants:
Any updates on when the ECIs in the 1st Foundation competition will be eligible to apply for CIHR Project grants?

Still looking at this and how it will be rolled out. Science council is working on this. UD will see the proposals at the F2F. Get second foundation or transition back into project, how this could happen.

from Lara Boyd to All Participants:
We've heard concerns from faculty about the short turnaround time for the Planning & Dissemination grants (launched Feb 6 and due Mar 1) and overlap with the Project deadline. Do you have any information about the rationale that we can share with faculty?

As part of the transition there were some hiccups getting things out the door. They worked (via the contact centre) with some people who were struggling to get things completed with signatures to allow partial submissions followed by updates. This will hopefully be less of a challenge in the future.
5. Strategic initiatives update – Nathalie Gendron

They want to make this more than a list of initiatives. Going forward, they will try to send a list to the UD in advance and then update on webinar. This will allow UD to formulate questions based on what’s coming up.

They will have webinars for some of these opportunities, information on applying.

from CIHR Webinars / Webinaires des IRSC to All Participants:

Funding Opportunity Database: https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/LoginServlet?language=E

from CIHR Webinars / Webinaires des IRSC to All Participants:

Funding Opportunities for Strategic Initiatives currently available on ResearchNet:


from CIHR Webinars / Webinaires des IRSC to All Participants:

Competitions supported by the CIHR Institutes:


Operating Grant: SickKids-CIHR-IHDCYH New Investigator Grants in Child and Youth Health: https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=2830&view=currentOpps&type=EXACT&resultCount=2 5&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true


Health System Impact Fellowships: https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprtntyDtls.do?prog=2792&view=currentOpps&type=EXACT&resultCount=2 5&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true
from CIHR Webinars / Webinaires des IRSC to All Participants:

**European Initiatives for the funding of multi-country consortia:**


Era-CVD: Cardiovascular Diseases: [https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprntntyDtls.do?prog=2834&view=currentOpps&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprntntyDtls.do?prog=2834&view=currentOpps&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true)

E-Rare: Rare Diseases: [https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprntntyDtls.do?prog=2835&view=currentOpps&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true](https://www.researchnet-recherchenet.ca/rnr16/vwOpprntntyDtls.do?prog=2835&view=currentOpps&type=EXACT&resultCount=25&sort=program&next=1&all=1&masterList=true)

from CIHR Webinars / Webinaires des IRSC to All Participants:

**New Programs:**


from CIHR Webinars / Webinaires des IRSC to All Participants:

**GenderNet Plus:** [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50719.html](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50719.html)

Results from recently funded strategic competitions (see next page):

iCT = innovative clinical trials

All this information can be found on CIHR’s decisions page (less number received). This type of information will be provided every month going forward.
# Results of strategic competitions

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Genome Canada will be launching their next Large Scale Applied Research competition shortly which will likely be focused on agriculture, agri-food, fisheries and aquaculture. Based on past LSARP competitions, projects will likely need to be: large scale applied scientific or GE4LS (social science/humanities pertaining to genomics) projects that focus on using genomic approaches within the agriculture, agri-food and fisheries/aquaculture sectors; include end users as part of the project teams; be multi-disciplinary (science and social science/humanities); and have a total 4-year budget between $2M-$10M. Co-funding will be required and project deliverables will need to lead to social and/or economic benefits to Canada.

The anticipated launch of this new LSARP competition is June 2018. While the competition parameters are still being finalized, we wish to alert potential applicants of this pending competition so that networking and project preparation can begin now.

In preparation for this competition, ROADS will be hosting an information session on Thursday April 5, 2018 with Caitlin Taylor, Senior Manager, Research and Business Development at Ontario Genomics. At this information session, researchers will learn more about the competition and how to work with partners and Ontario Genomics to position a research project for success from application stage through implementation. Caitlin will be available after the information session to meet with individual researchers or groups who wish to discuss their projects and ask questions.

Specific program information and guidelines regarding this funding opportunity will be sent to FHS researchers by HRS once this program is launched.

Those researchers who would like to attend this information session and meet with Caitlin, please register https://genome-canada-information-session.eventbrite.ca.

Thank you,
Tracy

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The Pharmakon in Arabic Mythology: Wine, Healing, and the Embodied Human

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Pharmakon refers to an ancient Greek concept that had a tripod of meanings: (1) toxin, (2) scapegoat, and (3) cure. In Arabic Islamic culture, from the pre-Islamic era to the present, wine has had this multivalent usage and efficacy in poetry, folk medicine, and philosophy. But how can any substance or concept have such paradoxical (even contradictory) meanings? This talk delves into a rare fifteenth-century Arabic text, Gathering of Humans for Wine (Halaṣbat al-Kumayy) by al-Nawawi, which brings mind, body, and soul together. The text will chart a semantic itinerary from the personal to the political, from plants to animals to humans, from wine as healing and pleasure to wine as disease and death, from the humanities to clinical medicine.

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