



**Research Committee Report to the Board  
Annual General Meeting  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**Members of the Research Committee:**

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**Mandate of the Research Committee**

1. Facilitate collaborative research in Canada
2. Maintain a compilation of ongoing research activities and surveys involving the AHCDC
3. Maintain a list of the publications and presentations arising from AHCDC associated research;
4. Assist the Executive and Board in the oversight of funds allocated in support of national research in the AHCDC budget (Inhibitor Lab, Genotype Lab, salary of T. Soll)
5. Continue the collaboration with Baxter regarding their offer of research funds

**Activities in 2008-09**

Activities of the committee were carried out through email exchange in 2008-2009. The B-CHERP Management Committee held 3 conference calls in the past 12 months (please see below).

With respect to Point 1 of the mandate: the chair answered various queries and correspondence relating to opportunities for collaborative research. Both Bayer and Wyeth enquired about having new sites from Canada to participate in clinical trials.

With respect to Point 2 and 3 of the mandate: a compilation of publications was kept up to date on the AHCDC web site by Trevor Soll. Annie Kaplan reminded the members on a regular basis to send to Trevor appropriate new references. The list of active research endeavours and surveys as it appears on the web site was not updated in the last year however the list of open competitions and grants was kept current.

With respect to Point 4 of the mandate: the Chair was asked to join in on the teleconferences of the executive committee on a regular basis through the past year and participated in the Board meeting in San Francisco on December 8, 2008.

With respect to Point 5 of the mandate: ongoing efforts to implement the agreement with Baxter regarding the B-CHERP program (Baxter Canadian Hemophilia Epidemiological Research Program) were again the main thrust of the activity of the committee in this past year. B-CHERP has 2 main components: it provides for the creation of a position of data analyst for CHARMS and the launch of a new epidemiological and clinical grant program for research in hereditary bleeding disorders in Canada.

The agreement relative to the CHARMS data analyst between AHCDC, the Hamilton Hemophilia clinic directors and McMaster University was finalized in the last year. As of this report the hiring process should be under way.

The goals, scope, conditions and application process for the new B-CHERP grant program were reviewed and finalized. Publicity material as well as a web page (integrated on the AHCDC web page) and an on-line application form were developed. As of the 2009 AGM, the full details of the program will be announced and the first competition will be launched. This work was carried out by the B-CHERP management committee whose members are: Paula James, Dean Fergusson (University of Ottawa), Bruce Ritchie, Walid Shammam (Baxter), Alan Timmouth and Jean St-Louis (chair). Technical support was provided by Trevor Soll.

Other activities in 2008-2009 have included the Chair sitting in on the jury of CHS Research Grant Program and the jury of CHS/Wyeth Care-until-Cure competition.

### **Outstanding Issues**

Within the framework of AHCDC Renewal, the terms of reference of and composition of the new Research Committee may need to be re-examined.

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