



**Research Committee Report
Annual General Meeting
May 29th, 2010**

Members of the Research Committee:

Jean St-Louis (chair), Victor Blanchette, Anthony Chan, Christine Demers, David Lillicrap, Bruce Ritchie, Jerry Teitel and John KM Wu

B-CHERP (Baxter Canadian Hemophilia Epidemiological Research Program) Management Committee: Jean St-Louis (chair), Dean Fergusson (University of Ottawa), Paula James, Bruce Ritchie, Walid Shammass (Baxter) and Alan Timmouth.

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) and through the B-CHERP partnership with Baxter.

Activities in 2009 - 2010

There was no formal meeting of the Research Committee in 2009-2010 but information was exchanged by email. For the second year in a row, activity was focused instead within the B-CHERP Management Committee which has the specific mandate to oversee, on behalf of AHCDC, this partnership to foster population-based research in hemophilia and related disorders in Canada. The B-CHERP Management Committee met 3 times in the last year.

After finalizing the goals, scope, conditions and application process for the new B-CHERP grant program, a first competition cycle was run in the summer and fall of 2009. One proposal (\$75,000) was funded for one year, with a possible extension for 2 additional years. The grant program was reviewed in January 2010 and improvements were made for the next cycle. In particular, the deadline for submitting grant applications was pushed back to the fall (October) which will allow a larger number of applications.

The committee also received and reviewed reports from the CHARMS data analyst hired as part of B-CHERP. Details will be presented separately at the AGM.

In ongoing discussions with the sponsor of B-CHERP, funding was secured as planned for this 5th year of the 6-year updated agreement. The AHCDC will make representations in 2010 regarding an extension of this strategic program.

Other Activities

The chair of the AHCDC Research Committee participated in a number of other activities throughout the year:

The chair answered various queries and correspondence relating to opportunities for collaborative research, both from pharmaceutical industry and members of the AHCDC.

The chair sat on the jury of CHS Research Grant Program, the jury of CHS/Wyeth Care-until-Cure competition and the jury for selecting the scientific presentations at the AHCDC annual meeting.

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 New Orleans in December 2009.

Thanks to Trevor Soll and Annie Kaplan, a compilation of publications was kept up to date on the AHCDC web site. Annie Kaplan reminded the members on a regular basis to send to Trevor appropriate new references. A list of active research endeavours and a list of open competitions and grants were also maintained.

Outstanding Issues

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

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