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The Executive and Board of the AHCDC and the local hosts (Drs. Robert Klaassen and Alan Tinmouth) welcome you to this year's Scientific Assembly and Annual General Meeting. It is indeed wonderful to gather in our nation's capitol, in collaboration with the Canadian Hemophilia Society, the Canadian Association for Nurses in Hemophilia Care, the Canadian Social Workers in Hemophilia Care, and the Canadian Physiotherapists in Hemophilia Care.

This year's meeting is important as it is a continuation of what we began in Quebec City and continued in Saskatoon in reflecting upon the AHCDC and its' renewal in order that it will continue to be a strong and vibrant organization in the years to come. This ongoing engagement will focus on our core activities in education and research. While we are privileged to share the sponsorship with the CHS of the Scientific Symposium, we are extending this commitment to every activity of our meeting. We will once again feature scientific abstract presentations as the core of our meeting. We have asked each committee chair to report on new initiatives which are important as seen through the lens of education and research.

We again rededicate this Association to a vibrant future by welcoming several trainees to this meeting. It is this interaction which will guarantee successful recruitment and indeed increase the vitality of our organization.

CHARMS, while still in need of greater development, will continue to play a strong role in our future through new alliances, new platforms, and new engagements with funders and other partners.

And yet we want to re-discover our roots, which are more informal and interactive – to renew social aspects of our meeting, and renew old friendships and make new ones. During this AGM you will have the opportunity of hearing a little bit about the Ottawa Bleeding Disorders Programs, both adult and pediatric from one of our “old friends”. We will begin our social evening with this focus, and will follow our dinner with a fun event that will feature members in a new “research role”.

Within your package you will find your name tag, the agenda for this meeting, and reports from the executive, from AHCDC subcommittees and from our partner organizations. We have provided you with a survey form to allow you to evaluate this year's AGM. Your feedback on this is essential so that we can improve future meetings.

Once again, welcome to Ottawa and we wish you a productive and enjoyable time.

Sincerely yours,

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