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Message from Phil Sherman, INMD Scientific Director



With the start of 2010, I have a renewed sense of promise, anticipation, and enthusiasm for what is possible for INMD to achieve over the coming twelve months. In December, I presented a draft version of the new INMD Strategic Plan to the Scientific Council of CIHR. Overall, this plan was well received by other Scientific Directors and senior staff at CIHR. INMD was commended for the extensive process of community engagement that was undertaken to determine the new strategic priorities for the institute. We are now awaiting final approval of the Strategic Plan.

Once the Strategic Plan is approved, we will be working with the Institute Advisory Board (IAB) to develop a more detailed operational plan to guide the work of the Institute. This plan will provide the foundation for the development and implementation of future funding opportunities and knowledge translation initiatives. We will also collaborate with our many partners to ensure we are maximizing opportunities to leverage our available resources.

Over the next year, I will endeavour to attend and participate in many of the Canadian annual scientific meetings for INMD relevant medical professional societies and voluntary health organizations. If we have not met in person previously, please do not hesitate to approach me directly so that we can discuss CIHR-related matters and I can receive your advice and feedback. E-mail contacts are also most welcome. I am committed to listening and trying to work on your behalf within CIHR as a whole, and the INMD.

Over the last year, this INMD Newsletter has been provided as a two-page, monthly publication that is distributed electronically. We will continue to publish the newsletter to inform researchers and stakeholders about what INMD is accomplishing. Informing the community is important in this age of constant change, and INMD will be dedicating time and energy to make sure that you are informed. Feedback on the format, frequency, and content of the INMD Newsletter is welcomed, as we are open to revising and altering future versions according to advice and comments received from researchers like you.

With best wishes for good health, happiness, prosperity, and research productivity in the coming year.

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INMD Mandate

The Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes supports research to enhance health in relation to diet, digestion, excretion, and metabolism; and to address causes, prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, support systems, and palliation for a wide range of conditions and problems associated with hormone, digestive system, kidney, and liver function.

Appointments to the INMD Institute Advisory Board (IAB)

Each of CIHR's 13 institutes has an Advisory Board composed of a diverse group of 16 national and international representatives of the public, private, and non-profit sectors including members of the research community and health practitioners. IABs act in an advisory capacity to the Scientific Director and to Governing Council with respect to the full range of Institute activities.

IAB members play an important role in advising the Institutes, and it is a great opportunity to learn more about CIHR, interact with interesting colleagues, and contribute back to the scientific community.

If you are interested in learning more, please refer to the [CIHR web site](#). Self-nomination application forms will be launched on January 18th, 2010. The deadline for consideration for this year is March 15th.

Knowledge Exchange to Policy Action



Active Healthy Kids Canada is a national organization committed to providing expertise and direction to policy-makers and the public on how to increase, and effectively allocate resources and attention towards physical activity for Canadian children and youth. For five years, the Active Healthy Kids Canada Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth has consolidated research knowledge to drive social action for policy change.

The sixth annual Report Card will be released on April 27th, 2010. Active Healthy Kids Canada will be holding a pre-congress Workshop at the International Congress on Physical Activity and Public Health in Toronto, Ontario on May 5th, 2010 and welcomes researchers, policy-makers and practitioners to attend.

For more information and to register, please visit the [Congress website](#).

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For more information, visit the [Heart & Stroke Foundation's website](#). You can access the Built Environment Request for Applications [here](#).

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