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## Message from the Executive Committee

Welcome to the first edition of CRRN News, the Canadian Respiratory Research Network's quarterly newsletter. With over 50 scientists CRRN News will help to keep everyone up to date with CRRN activities along with other announcements from ICRH and CIHR.

Although we do not have a lot to report in this first edition we would like to share what we accomplished in 2013. Additional details of these activities are below.

We expect CIHR and/or ICRH to publically announce the Network grant in February 2014.

Fortunately, CIHR provided us with our 2013 funding and we have been working hard to finalize contracts with all our partners.

We hosted calls with our Scientific Steering Committee and some Platforms leaders discussing project timelines and networking requirements. We will have a face-to-face meeting of the Scientific Steering Committee in February 2014. We hope to hold our first Annual General Meeting of all the CRRN Investigators at the Canadian Respiratory Conference in Calgary on April 24, 2014.

Lastly, we hope to have our CRRN website up and running soon.

We look forward to working with all of you.

Happy New Year!



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The members of the SSC had 2 conference calls – November and December. They will have a face to face meeting in February 2014 in Ottawa to further determine how their platforms will function within the Network. After this meeting, there will be increased involvement of all the collaborators.



### **Funding and Contracts:**

- Shawn/Kathy have finalized contracts for funding between the CRRN, OHRI and the following partners: AstraZeneca, Novartis, Boehringer Ingelheim, CLA.
- Still negotiating contract with GSK
- Funds received from BC Lung, AstraZeneca and CIHR

# COMING SOON!

**CRRN Website** 

in 2014!!!

#### **Training Program:**

The CRRN/Renascent training program will be discussed and finalized at the meeting in Ottawa. The goal is to be ready to accept applications to the training program in June 2014 with funding commencing September 2014.