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Message from the Executive Committee....



On February 26th, 2014 Health Minister Ambrose formally announced the Network grants. We were fortunate to have this announcement here in Ottawa at The Ottawa Hospital Rehabilitation Centre.

Later that week, we held our first face-to-face meeting of the Scientific Steering Committee. This was an excellent opportunity for the Platform Leaders to present their goals for the Network and to establish how they can 'network' with the other investigators. We encourage all of our 50+ investigators to reach out to the platform leaders with their own ideas.

The website was launched and we are continuing to work on the content. Hopefully in the next few months we will have so much more for people to read about at <u>www.respiratoryreseachnetwork.ca</u>

With the American Thoracic Society happening next week, let's hope that there is opportunity for many of our investigators to get together to discuss their platform projects.





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Application Dates for Training Programs!



Scientific Steering Committee (SSC):

Next conference call is Monday, May 12th, 2014. The focus will be on the platform leaders and the progress of their projects since our meeting in February.

Funding and Contracts:

Shawn/Kathy have finalized contracts with all industry partners and the first year funding from these partners has been received in Ottawa.

We are pleased to announce that Merck Canada is providing some funding for the CRRN. Unfortunately this is not annual funding but every dollar is helpful.

Training Program:

The CIHR-ICRH announced in April that it would be contributing an additional \$50,000 to the CLA for the Emerging Research Leader Initiative. This is great news for the CRRN/Renascent training program!