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1. LEADERS IN MEDICAL DISCOVERY SERIES

Presented by the UBC Faculty of Medicine

Bruce McManus, MD, PhD, FRSC, FCAHS

Recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Medical Research Lecturer Award

Professor, UBC Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

Lecture: “Viral heart disease – dire consequences, complex mechanisms and possible solutions”

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Time: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: New Lecture Theatre
Room 1477
Providence, Level 1
St. Paul’s Hospital

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2. CANADIAN SPACE AGENCY

6th Canadian Space Exploration Workshop (CSEW6)

When: **December 1-3, 2008**

Where: Canadian Space Agency
John H. Chapman Space Centre
6767 Route de l’Aéroport
Saint-Hubert, Quebec J3Y 8Y9

The deadline to register is November 20th, 2008.

Abstract & Call For Ideas Submission Deadline: November 18, 2008

The CSEW6 scientific organizing committee is delighted to invite the submission of

Ideas and Poster Abstracts under the CSEW6 theme of "Canadian Scientific Priorities for the [Global Exploration Strategy](#). This workshop will allow the Canadian space exploration community to present and discuss ideas for Canada's scientific priorities for the Global Exploration Strategy (GES). The Canadian Space Agency's interests in solar system science are broader than those defined in GES, but GES opportunities motivate a focus for discussions at this time.

Workshop discussions are intended to lead to the creation of a document describing Canadian scientific priorities relevant to the GES. This document will be published on the CSA website, and may be published in a scientific journal. The Canadian Space Agency will assess this output to help Canada take best advantage of scientific opportunities presented by GES to fulfill goals of the Government of Canada's [Science and Technology Strategy](#).

Registration

There are no registration fees to attend CSEW6; however, pre-registration is required for logistical planning purposes. Seating is limited, so please register online as soon as possible to ensure your place at this workshop.

For more details please visit: <http://www.asc-csa.gc.ca/CSEW>

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3. CIHR – MICHAEL SMITH PRIZES IN HEALTH RESEARCH (see attached)

Call for Nominations

Deadline: December 1, 2008

The **CIHR Michael Smith Prizes in Health Research** consists of a medal and a research grant of \$100,000 per year for five years. Awarded annually to two outstanding Canadian researchers who have demonstrated a high degree of innovation, creativity, leadership and dedication in health research, the Prizes provide world-class researchers with funding to pursue critical research and to support and mentor trainees.

Who is eligible? To be eligible for consideration for the CIHR Michael Smith Prizes in Health Research, individuals must have at least 10 years of experience as an independent investigator and hold a position within a Canadian academic, hospital, not-for-profit or governmental institution or affiliated research institution. They must have worked in Canada for at least the five continuous years before the nomination deadline.

Nomination Procedures: Each candidate must be nominated by a member of the Canadian health research community and endorsed by the executive head of the candidate's institution. Candidates may be nominated on more than one occasion provided they still meet the eligibility requirements.

Please refer to Nomination Information ([HTML](#) | [PDF \(108 KB\)](#)) for the CIHR Michael Smith Prizes in Health Research for details.

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4. ERNEST C. MANNING AWARDS FOUNDATION (see attached)

The Manning Innovation Awards - Call for Nominations

Deadline: December 10, 2008

The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation has been recognizing and encouraging innovation in Canada since 1982. By means of a nomination, Canadians who have demonstrated recent innovative talent in developing and successfully marketing a new concept, process or procedure, may be eligible for one of these awards:

- Principal Award (\$100,000)
- Award of Distinction (\$25,000)
- Innovation Awards (2 at \$10,000)

Eligibility — Award nominees must be Canadian citizens resident in Canada. Innovations may be in any area of human endeavour. The Manning Innovation Awards are made for current, successful, specific innovations and are not lifetime achievement awards.

For more information please visit: <http://www.manningawards.ca/awards/index.shtml>

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5. ITALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL & GENOME CANADA (see attached)

Joint International Call for LOIs

Genome BC Registration: December 10, 2008

LOI Genome BC Deadline: January 24, 2009

LOI Genome Canada Deadline: January 31, 2009

The LOIs are due to Genome Canada by January 31st, 2009. Therefore, the LOIs must be in to Genome BC by latest January 24th.

Those who are interested in applying to this funding program are requested to contact Genome BC by December 10th and register that intent.

With respect to co-funding this program contemplates as a baseline that Genome Canada and CNR will each fund 50% of approved projects. However, this does not preclude the

involvement of other parties, and co-funding that these parties may bring to a proposed project. Although not essential, applicants are encouraged to consider other co-funders, IF this makes sense with respect to achieving scientific and technical excellence and the achievement of planned project objectives.

If you have any questions please contact Gabe Kalmar, Executive Director of Operations, at gkalmar@genomebc.ca or 604-961-0081.

For more details please visit:

<http://www.genomecanada.ca/en/portfolio/research/italy.aspx>

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6. 2009 UNIVERSITY KILLAM TEACHING PRIZES (see attached)

Call for Nominations

Deadline: January 30, 2009 @ 4:30 p.m.

I am pleased to attach information and a nomination form for the 2009 Killam Teaching Prizes. The University Killam Teaching Prizes are UBC's most prestigious teaching awards. The Prizes are awarded annually, and are supported by the UBC Killam Endowment Fund.

For the 2008-2009 academic year, the Faculty of Medicine will receive four University Killam Teaching Prizes of \$5,000 each that will be presented at Spring Convocation 2009. The Prizes recognize excellent teaching in the undergraduate medical program, undergraduate science programs, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy programs B.M.L.Sc. program, residency programs, schools and graduate programs within the Faculty.

I anticipate that the Killam Teaching Prize winners will be announced in early March and that the Prizes will be presented by the Provost at the 2008 Convocation Ceremonies.

Questions regarding the nomination process or guidelines should be directed to the Chair of the Faculty of Medicine Awards Committee, Dr. Barbara McGillivray at 604-875-2157 or bmcgillivray@cw.bc.ca.

Please return completed nomination packages by 4:30 pm on **January 30, 2009** to:

Dr. Gavin Stuart, Dean
Faculty of Medicine
317 – 2194 Health Sciences Mall
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z3

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7. CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH RESEARCH (CIHR)

a. News from the VP of Knowledge Translation

Top Canadian Achievements in Health Research: Call for Applications

CIHR welcomes applications from individuals or teams working in Canada in the health field, including: health researchers; health professionals; administrators and those involved in public health or public policy. Applications will also be accepted from Canadians working abroad. This new competition will recognize Canadian health research achievements that have had a significant impact on health, health care, and health research by improving our understanding of health and human diseases, tackling health challenges, and improving our health system. CIHR has partnered with the Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMAJ) to showcase significant Canadian achievements. The Top Health Research Achievements as selected by an independent review committee will be considered for publication in the CMAJ. **Applications must be submitted to CIHR by December 31, 2008.**

For more information about the competition or the application process, please refer to the Top Canadian Achievements in Health Research at <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/37885.html>.

You may also contact CIHR at 613-952-8965 or by e-mail at geoffrey.hynes@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

Ian Graham, Ph.D.
Vice-President, Knowledge Translation

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b. CIHR at a Glance – Working for You

i) CIHR Launches New Journalism Award Program

This new award program will fund up to five Tier 1 Awards (worth \$20,000 each) and up to five Tier 2 Awards (worth \$10,000 each). The program is open to all working journalists in Canada - reporters, editors, photographers, producers, editorial writers and freelancers - as well as to Canadian journalists working outside the country.

For more information about this announcement, refer to:
<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22967.html>.

ii) A Call for Nominations for the CIHR Synapse Awards

Each year, CIHR presents three awards that recognize the importance of mentors in developing Canada's new generation of scientists and engineers. These Synapse Awards honour mentors who have demonstrated excellence and made significant contributions to the promotion of health research among Canadian secondary-school students. Candidates must be official CIHR Synapse mentors at the time of the nomination. One of the awards, valued at \$10,000, is given to a health research group that has been active in youth outreach activities and is intended to support the group's future mentorship activities. The other two awards, worth \$5,000 each, are provided to an individual health researcher involved in youth outreach efforts and an individual master's student, doctoral student or postdoctoral fellow who is likewise engaged in mentorship activities. **All nominations must be received by CIHR on or before February 6, 2009.** For more information on CIHR Synapse (a youth outreach program), the Awards, or to fill out the nomination form visit:

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/32408.html>.

iii) Seventh Annual Canadian Health Research Awards - CIHR

November 19, 2008

Mark this date in your calendar!

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), in collaboration with the Health Charities Coalition of Canada, Research Canada and other health research organizations, is proud to present the seventh annual Canadian Health Research Awards – A Celebration of Excellence, in recognition of Canada's best and brightest health researchers. This special evening will be held on **Wednesday, November 19, 2008, from 5:15 to 8:30 p.m., at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa.**

Please save this date in your calendar. For more information about the Canadian Health Research Awards – A Celebration of Excellence, please visit <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/excellence.html>.

If you have any questions about this important event, please contact us at excellence@cihr-irsc.gc.ca or 613-612-6975.

iv) A New Website, A New Journey, Coming this December...

In order to better serve the research community, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) will be launching a newly re-designed website in December 2008. This

user-friendly site will centralize access to health news, research, and funding information. Website navigation and organization will be greatly improved, with a specific focus on the needs of researchers. We invite you to take full advantage of this innovative website architecture by bookmarking

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca>.

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c. Funding Opportunity News

CIHR Open Team Grant Program Suspended

As a result of recent strategic decisions on the allocation of its funds, CIHR has elected to suspend the Open Team Grant program. As previously noted on the CIHR website, the June 2008 launch of the Open Team Grant funding opportunity was cancelled. Existing teams will continue to be funded as per their original funding approval.

Please note, however, that CIHR and its partners will continue to launch Strategic Team Grant Funding Opportunities, in keeping with organizational priorities. All those interested are encouraged to visit the CIHR Funding Opportunities Database to view such opportunities as they arise.

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d. Announcements from other organizations

i) The Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) Call for Abstracts

The Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) is pleased to announce that the Call for Abstracts online submission system is now open.

The 2009 CPHA Annual Conference will be held in **Winnipeg, Manitoba from June 7-10, 2009**. The conference theme, Public Health in Canada: Strengthening Connections, will provide a forum for sharing progress and will focus on strengthening the connections among research, policy and practice, and the numerous partnerships within the health sector and beyond.

CPHA is pleased to collaborate with the Canadian Institute for Health Information – Canadian Population Health Initiative, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Population and Public Health, and the Public Health Agency of Canada. This conference is hosted in association with the National Collaborating Centres for Public Health and the Manitoba Public Health Association.

Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, December 17, 2008.

Please visit <http://www.cpha.ca/en/conferences/conf2009.aspx> for additional details.

For further information, contact:
CPHA Conference Services
Telephone: 613-725-3769, ext 126
E-mail: conference@cpha.ca

**ii) Annual CHSPR (Centre for Health Services and Policy Research)
conference: "Health Innovation for Patients and Populations"**

(24-25 February 2009, Vancouver BC) – registration open

For more information, to register for the conference, or to submit a poster abstract, please visit CHSPR'S website at
<http://www.chspr.ubc.ca/hpc>.

Useful CIHR Contacts

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Ethics Office: 613-946-4773
Technical / IT Help Desk: 613-941-0068
CIHR's web site: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca>

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8. ALAN BERNSTEIN DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES – POSTPONED (see attached)

On behalf of Dr. Bruce McManus, Director, The James Hogg iCAPTURE Centre, we would like to inform you that the 7th Annual Alan Bernstein Distinguished Lecture Series, Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui, Vice-Chancellor and President of The University of Hong Kong, will be postponed till **January 16, 2009** (was scheduled for November 17).

If you or groups of individuals would like to meet with Dr. Tsui, or if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us through Ms. Shemim Manji at smanji@mrl.ubc.ca.

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9. BC PRADER-WILLI SYNDROME ASSOCIATION (see attached)

Student Research Award

The BC Prader-Willi Syndrome Association is a non profit charity that provides an understanding and awareness of Prader-Willi Syndrome by supporting those who have the syndrome, their families and all who come in contact with PWS.

For more details about this award please contact Terrance James at tn-james@shaw.ca

For further information on the disorder please refer to the web sites of:

BC Prader-Willi Syndrome Association at www.bcpwsa.com

The USA Prader-Willi Syndrome Association at www.pwsausa.org

The International Prader-Willi Syndrome Organization at www.ipwso.org

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Institute of Gender and Health

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Institute of Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis

Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction

Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes

Institute of Population and Public Health

Institut de la santé des Autochtones

Institut du vieillissement

Institut du cancer

Institut de la santé circulatoire et respiratoire

Institut de la santé des femmes et des hommes

Institut de génétique

Institut des services et des politiques de la santé

Institut du développement et de la santé des enfants et des adolescents

Institut des maladies infectieuses et immunitaires

Institut de l'appareil locomoteur et de l'arthrite

Institut des neurosciences, de la santé mentale et des toxicomanies

Institut de la nutrition, du métabolisme et du diabète

Institut de la santé publique et des populations

Canada's Health Researchers of the Year – CIHR's Michael Smith Prizes in Health Research 2009

Call for Nominations

I would like to invite your nominations for the 2009 Michael Smith Prizes in Health Research – the most prestigious research awards of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

The Michael Smith Prizes in Health Research honour the memory of the late Dr. Michael Smith who shared the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1993. These awards recognize innovation, creativity, leadership, and dedication to health research, providing world-class researchers with funding to pursue critical research and to support and mentor trainees.

The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2008. You will find all the necessary instructions for preparing the nominations in the enclosed brochure. If you require more information or extra copies of the brochure, please contact CIHR at (613) 941-3579 or by e-mail at nancy.masonmaclellan@cihr-irsc.gc.ca.

Please feel free to circulate the brochure and encourage your colleagues to nominate potential candidates. I look forward to receiving your nominations.

Alain Beaudet, MD, PhD

Chercheurs de l'année en santé du Canada : Prix de la recherche en santé Michael Smith 2009

Appel de candidatures

Par la présente, je vous invite à soumettre des candidatures pour les Prix de la recherche en santé Michael Smith 2009 – les bourses de recherche en santé les plus prestigieuses des Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada (IRSC).

Les Prix de la recherche en santé Michael Smith rendent hommage à la mémoire de feu le Dr Michael Smith, co-lauréat du prix Nobel de chimie en 1993. Ces prix reconnaissent l'innovation, la créativité, le leadership, et le dévouement dans le domaine de la recherche en santé et offre à des chercheurs de renommée mondiale un financement qui leur permet de poursuivre des recherches cruciales, et de soutenir et guider des stagiaires.

Les candidatures doivent être soumises au plus tard le 1 décembre 2008. Le dépliant ci-joint comprend tous les renseignements nécessaires à la préparation des mises en candidature. Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements ou des exemplaires supplémentaires du dépliant, communiquez avec les IRSC au (613) 941-3579 ou à nancy.masonmaclellan@irsc-cihr.gc.ca.

Veillez distribuer la brochure et encourager vos collègues à proposer des candidats. J'attends avec impatience vos mises en candidature.

President

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October 14, 2008

Dear AUTM Member,

Just a quick note to let you know that the nomination deadline is quickly approaching – please help us get the word out about the Manning Innovation Awards.

If you would like to receive this colour ad electronically, please email the Executive Assistant Marilyn Golding at marilyn.golding@encana.com.

For more information on the nomination process and our past winners, visit our website at www.manningawards.ca.

Sincerely,

MANNING INNOVATION AWARDS

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“Promoting and Celebrating Canadian Innovation”

Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation

Who Says Canadians Can't Commercialize!

For nearly 30 years, the Manning Innovation Awards have celebrated Canadians with the imagination to innovate and the stamina to succeed. If that sounds like you, or someone you know, we want to hear from you.

Awards range from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Nominations close December 1.



Drs. William Hunter and Lindsay Machan
Medicine



Mike Lazaridis and Gary Mousseau
Technology



Mayd McHally
Industrial Innovation



Fred Marsh
Sports safety

Since 1982, the Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation has celebrated the achievements of 207 exceptional individuals with awards totalling \$3.9 million. Drawn from the scientific, technological and social communities, the men and women who have been recognized have changed the way Canada competes.

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**ITALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL & GENOME CANADA
JOINT INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT IN
LARGE-SCALE GENOMICS RESEARCH IN HUMAN HEALTH**

November 2008

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1 Italian National Research Council (CNR)

The Italian National Research Council (CNR) is a public organization. Its duty is to carry out, promote, spread, transfer and improve research activities in the main sectors of knowledge growth and of its applications for the scientific, technological, economic and social development of the Country. To this end, the activities of the organization are divided into macro areas of interdisciplinary scientific and technological research, concerning several sectors: biotechnology, medicine, materials, environment and land, information and communications, advanced systems of production, judicial and socio-economic sciences, classical studies and arts.

2 Genome Canada

Genome Canada's mandate is to develop and implement a national strategy in genomics and proteomics research for the benefit of all Canadians. It is committed to increasing Canada's position among the world leaders in genomics¹ research in key areas such as health, agriculture, environment, forestry, fisheries and technology development. It is also committed to a leadership role on the ethical, environmental, economic, legal and social issues and potential implications associated with genomics research (GE³LS), and to communicating with Canadians on these and other issues.

3 Background

The Italian National Research Council (CNR) and Genome Canada have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the Fall of 2007, to expand existing links and to establish a framework of collaboration between Canada and Italy in the area of large-scale genomics and proteomics research related to human health.

As a first step in establishing the framework, scientists and representatives of funders from Canada and Italy participated in a workshop in Rome in April 2008. The objective of the workshop was to increase awareness of current research activities in Canada and Italy in the area of large-scale genomics and proteomics research related to human health and to identify unique opportunities for future collaboration. The workshop focused on three main areas:

- i. Challenges in Health and Potential Genomics Solutions
- ii. Genomic Biology
- iii. Technologies, Tools and Strategies

The workshop participants from both countries agreed on common principles and target areas for a potential future joint competition.

¹ The term genomics research is used to cover the study of the genes and their functions, namely genomics, proteomics, genotyping, sequencing, bioinformatics and other related fields of research (as per the definition stated in Genome Canada's Funding Agreement signed March 29, 2007).

4 Call for Letters of Intent (LOI)

4.1 Purpose

The purpose of this call is to solicit Letters of Intent (LOI) for joint large-scale research projects focusing on the application of genomics research in the area of human health as defined in Section 4.2 – Research Scope.

Genome Canada and the CNR are working to raise funding for this joint initiative. When funding becomes available, LOIs that fall within the areas defined will be invited to submit full proposals for peer review.

4.2 Research Scope

LOIs solicited under this joint call must address important biological questions related to human health, where large-scale genomics and proteomics research projects might provide solutions. LOIs must include a GE³LS component as well as use of and development of appropriate genomic and proteomic tools and technologies (e.g., bioinformatics, vaccine development, animal models, biobanking/population genomics, sequencing, proteomics, systems biology and genotype/phenotype correlations). Consideration should also be given to relevant gender and age-related issues. Areas that have been identified of common interest and strength include the following:

- infectious diseases;
- cardiovascular diseases;
- metabolic disorders;
- adverse drug reactions;
- cancer, and
- central nervous system (CNS) disorders.

LOIs concerning the ethical, environmental, economic, legal and social aspects of genomics research (GE³LS) in these strategic areas may also be submitted.

4.3 Other Requirements

LOIs must fall within the areas defined above and, in addition, must:

- include research partners from Canada and Italy and identify a project co-leader from each country who will have joint responsibility for the proposed research; and
- propose a new unique joint research project which has not previously been supported by other sources and that could **not** be carried out without the other country's involvement.

5 Submission and Evaluation Process

5.1 Timeline

The anticipated timeline for this initiative is as follows:

November 10, 2008 Request for LOIs

Jan 31, 2009	Receipt of LOIs
March 2009	Assessment of LOIs for eligibility & responsiveness to call
April 2009	Potential announcement of joint competition subject to availability of funds and invitations to submit full proposals

5.2 Who Can Submit

LOIs must include a Canadian and an Italian partner. Eligible submissions include those from industry, academic institutions, research institutes and government laboratories.²

5.3 How to Submit

LOIs must be forwarded to Genome Canada through a Genome Centre: <http://www.genomecanada.ca/en/centres/>. LOIs will then be shared between Genome Canada and CNR.

5.4 LOI Evaluation

LOIs will be assessed for eligibility and responsiveness to this call. LOIs that do not fall within the areas defined in section 4 above, will not be invited to submit an application to a future competition. Each LOI must be submitted on the attached form.

6 Further Information and Contacts

Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR)	Genome Canada
<p>Giuseppe Martini Direttore Dipartimento Scienze della Vita Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche Piazzale Aldo Moro 7 00185 Roma, Italy Telephone: +39 06 4993 2661 Fax: +39 06 4993 2688 E-mail: genome.dsv@cnr.it</p>	<p>Karen Kennedy Director, International Genomics Program 150 Metcalfe Street, Suite 2100 Ottawa, ON, Canada, K2P 1P1 Telephone: 613-751-4460 Fax: 613-751-4474 Email: kkennedy@genomecanada.ca</p>

² Scientists working in Industry or Federal laboratories may be co-applicants but may not receive Genome Canada funds for activities to be carried out in Industry or in a Federal laboratory, with the exception of costs that are incurred based on a reasonable fee-for-service arrangement or contract.



**ITALIAN NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL & GENOME CANADA
JOINT INTERNATIONAL CALL FOR LETTERS OF INTENT IN
LARGE-SCALE GENOMICS RESEARCH IN HUMAN HEALTH
LETTER OF INTENT FORM**

DEADLINE: January 31, 2009

SUBMISSION PROCESS

LOIs must be forwarded to Genome Canada through a Genome Centre:

<http://www.genomecanada.ca/en/centres/>. LOIs will then be shared between Genome Canada and CNR.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Please refer to the *Italian National Research Council & Genome Canada Joint International Call for Letters of Intent (LOI) in Large-Scale Genomics Research in Human Health* for complete details regarding this call.

By the deadline date of January 31, 2009, the following must be submitted:

- an original completed Letter of Intent Form, unbound and single-sided, and
- an electronic copy sent on a CD in PDF format.

The form must be completed in English. Type must be single-spaced, with top and bottom margins of a minimum of 1.7 cm and left and right margins of a minimum of 2.5 cm. Type font Arial, 12 point must be used. This instruction page and the *Concept Glossary* should be removed from your LOI at the time of submission.

COMPLETING THE FORM

Each field within the tables in this form will expand to accept more information by using the return (↵ ENTER) key. If additional rows are needed in a table, place the cursor in the last field of the last row and press the TAB key.

EVALUATION OF THE LETTER OF INTENT

Genome Canada and the CNR will review LOIs for eligibility and responsiveness to the Call for Letters of Intent. LOIs that do not fall within the areas defined in Section 4 of the call, will not be invited to submit an application to a potential future competition.



Information regarding Co-funding, GE³LS¹, Benefits for each country and management structures (see *Concept Glossary*) has been requested that will not be used in the evaluation of the LOI. However, these concepts should be given an appropriate level of thought in the development of a potential proposal.

MEANING OF THE SIGNATURES

The signatures of the project leader(s) and co-applicants attest that this LOI has been reviewed and approved for submission to Genome Canada and the CNR by all applicants.

The signatures of the Genome Centre CEOs attest that this LOI has been reviewed and approved for submission to Genome Canada.

¹ Except where the LOI is proposing a large-scale project that would focus solely on GE³LS issues.



CONCEPT GLOSSARY

Co-applicant

A co-applicant is a researcher who makes a substantial intellectual contribution to the proposed research and who will be involved in the day-to-day execution of the project.

Collaborator

A collaborator is an individual whose role in the proposed research is to provide specialized expertise or services (such as access to equipment, provision of specific reagents, training in a specialized technique, statistical analysis, access to a patient population, etc.) but who will not be involved in the day-to-day execution of the project.

Benefits for Each Country

Potential benefits could include: a) job creation and economic growth, b) development of a product or service, c) an impact on society, quality of life, better health, or a cleaner environment, d) knowledge generation or translation, e) potential licenses and/or new start-ups or f) the creation of new policies.

Ethical, Environmental, Economic, Legal and Social Issues Related to Genomics Research (GE³LS)

GE³LS issues which may arise from proposed research can both limit and enhance research. Attention to both types of issues are worthy of focus by investigators. While investigators must describe how they intend to anticipate and address GE³LS issues that may raise obstacles for completing their research (such as economic impediments, ethical concerns, legal or regulatory barriers), they should also consider describing how their research may contribute to a better understanding of GE³LS issues and, in so doing, maximize the overall benefits from their research.

Project Manager

A project manager is responsible for coordinating administrative and reporting requirements and, supporting the scientific enterprise of the project.

Science Advisory Boards (SAB)

A Science Advisory Board (SAB) provides advice and guidance to a research team to help ensure that the project achieves its stated objectives and milestones. The membership of the SAB is completely independent from the project with no real or perceived conflicts and is composed of experts who will work with the project to maximize the successful outcome of the project.



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Proposed Project Title:

Date of Submission: January 31, 2009

Estimated Total Budget:

Estimated Amount to be requested from the CNR:

Estimated Amount to be requested from Genome Canada:

Project Duration: 3 years 4 years

Project Leader – Italy

Name	
Affiliation	
Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
E-mail	
Signature	

Project Leader – Canada

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Affiliation	
Address	
Telephone	
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Co-Applicants – Italy

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Co-applicants – Canada

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Lead Organisation – Italy (CEO, President or authorized representative)

Name of organization	
Name of representative	
Title	
Date	
Signature	

Lead Organisation – Canada (CEO, President or authorized representative)

Name of organization	
Name of representative	
Title	
Date	
Signature	

Genome Centre CEO(s) – Canada only

Lead Centre	
Name of CEO	
Date	
Signature	

2nd Centre (if applicable)	
Name of CEO	
Date	
Signature	



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I EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

(Maximum two (2) pages)

- Provide a brief description of the proposed project and expected outcomes.
 - Provide a rationale for why the proposed research cannot be carried out without the other country's involvement.
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II PROJECT PROPOSAL

(Maximum five (5) pages, including references, figures and tables)

- Provide a clear and concise summary of the proposed project, which focuses on the overall research goal(s), supporting objectives and plans to accomplish the project's objective(s).
 - Outline how the proposed research fits within the areas defined in Section 4 of the *Italian National Research Council & Genome Canada Joint International Call for Letters of Intent (LOI) in Large-Scale Genomics Research in Human Health*.
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III PROJECT TEAM

Using the format below, provide the following details for each member of the team: name, role (e.g., project leader, co-applicant, collaborator, project manager, etc.), time commitment to the proposed research, a brief description of their contribution to the project and reasons for their inclusion in the research.

Italy

Name/Affiliation	Role	Time Commitment (hrs/week)	Description of Contribution & Reasons for Inclusion in Project Team

Canada

Name/Affiliation	Role	Time Commitment (hrs/week)	Description of Contribution & Reasons for Inclusion in Project Team



IV MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION CHART

(Maximum two (2) pages)

- Provide an organizational chart which illustrates how the project will be managed between Canada and Italy and within each country.
 - Demonstrate how the project components will be integrated.
 - Where appropriate, describe the role of any dedicated project managers in each country.
 - Explain how the project's Science Advisory Board (SAB) will fit within the project's management structure.
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V ETHICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC, LEGAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES RELATED TO GENOMICS RESEARCH (GE³LS)

(Maximum two (2) pages)

- Outline how the project team will identify potential GE³LS issues related to the research proposal including how the issues identified will be integrated into the overall research objectives of the proposal.
 - Identify individuals who will help you with the development of the GE³LS section.
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VI BENEFITS FOR EACH COUNTRY

(Maximum one (1) page)

- List the potential benefits for each country and the potential outcomes of the research that may be realized within five (5) years from the end of the project.
 - Identify individuals with expertise in the relevant field(s) who will help you identify potential benefits and develop a plan to realize them.
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VII PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

a) Provide a preliminary budget summary using the relevant categories below.

Preliminary Total Budget – CNR

Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Total
Salaries and fringe benefits					
Consumables					
General & administrative					
Services from others					
Equipment/software/renovation					
TOTAL					

Preliminary Total Budget – Genome Canada

Category	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Total
Salaries and fringe benefits					
Consumables					
General & administrative					
Services from others					
Equipment/software/renovation					
TOTAL					

b) Provide a list of the project's other potential co-funders (as appropriate):

Potential Funding Source	Amount to be Requested	Type (e.g. cash, in kind, grant)	Status (e.g. applied for, yet to be applied for)

**The University of British Columbia
Faculty of Medicine
2009 University Killam Teaching Prizes**

The University Killam Teaching Prizes recognize excellence in teaching in the medical and science undergraduate programs, residency programs, school and graduate programs within the Faculty of Medicine.

Nomination Process

These awards are open to all full-time, part-time, or clinical faculty members. Awards will be made in recognition of sustained scholarly achievement in teaching within the full range of instructional activities (classroom teaching, clinical teaching, supervision of graduate students, laboratory teaching etc). Nominations will be made by any two faculty members in the Faculty of Medicine. To avoid duplication, the Dean must be informed of the intention to submit a nomination and the name of the proposed nominee. A signed nomination form (attached) should be accompanied by a brief citation for use by the Provost during Convocation, a letter from the nominators, a statement of the nominee's teaching philosophy, a summary of peer and student evaluations and a list of the nominee's teaching duties during the past 5 years. Nominators will complete all documentation and submit the completed nomination package to the Dean. After checking for eligibility and completeness, the Dean will forward dossiers to the Adjudication Committee.

The Nominators must also indicate that the nominee has been informed of the nomination and is willing to stand.

**Nominations must be submitted to the Dean of Medicine no later than 4:30 p.m.
on January 30, 2009.**

Nomination General Guidelines

Provided that the nomination package is updated, nominations will stand for two consecutive years. It is the Nominators' responsibility to keep a nomination current. The Adjudication Committee will resolve questions concerning eligibility. The number of Killam Teaching Prizes may vary each year depending on the Faculty of Medicine allotment from UBC. The identities of the nominees will not be made public unless they win one of the Prizes. Decisions made by the Adjudication Committee are final and may not be appealed. Posthumous awards will not be made. Nominators should not expect members of the Faculty Awards Committee or Adjudication Committee staff to assist with the preparation of a nomination beyond general advice concerning the regulations and proper forms to use, nor will they offer opinions as to a nomination's chances of success. To update a nomination package after the first year, an updated letter signed by 2 nominators and updated information as appropriate should be forwarded to the Dean by the competition deadline.

Judging Criteria (to be addressed in the nomination letter)

1. Nominee has demonstrated sustained teaching excellence over a period of at least 10 years.
2. Nominee has been highly rated as a teacher by peer and student evaluation.
3. Nominee has positively influenced student acquisition of knowledge through teaching, educational development or other activities.
4. Nominee has been influential in students' acquisition of knowledge, an inspiration to students and has provided motivation.

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NOMINATION FORM 2009

Nominee's name: _____

Address (business): _____

Phone: Fax: Email: _____

Current Academic Position and Department/School: _____

Nominators and Departments:

1) _____

Email: _____ Signature _____

2) _____

Email: _____ Signature _____

In addition to this Nomination Form, the Nominators must include the following in the Nomination Package. Please note that extra documents other than those requested will be returned to the Nominators.

1. A **Citation** that will be read by the Provost during Convocation (**maximum 100 words**). **Please also include an electronic copy of the citation in "Word" format (or email to plou@medd.med.ubc.ca)**. The citation will be read at the graduation ceremony at which the award winner will be recognized. It will also be printed on the certificate that will be given to the winner. Consequently, the citation must be well written for oral presentation – grammatically correct and including the kind of remarks that clearly demonstrate excellence in teaching.
2. A **Nomination Letter** signed by both nominators explaining how the candidate meets the Killam Teaching Prize criteria and why the candidate should be chosen to receive this award. This letter must address the four published criteria. A nominee might have demonstrated some or all of the following educational attributes: have maintained a sustained record of effective teaching performance, be highly rated as an effective teacher by students/residents and peers, possess a record of involvement in curricular or course development or in the development of effective teaching methods/materials for classroom, lab or bedside, be influential in students' acquisition of knowledge, be a life-long inspiration to students, have a profound effect on students' motivation to learn in particular areas or stimulate students' problem solving and critical thinking skills.
3. The nominee's **Teaching Philosophy Statement** (**maximum 200 words**)
4. A summary of the nominee's **Student and Peer Evaluations** over the past 5 years (**maximum 2 pages**).
5. A maximum of 3 **Letters of Support** from peers, students or other individuals who are in a position to judge the impact of the nominee within the Faculty of Medicine.
6. A summary of the nominee's **Teaching Duties** over the past 5 years including graduate student and resident supervision (**maximum 1 page**).

Completed nomination packages (Original + 7 copies) should be received by the Dean of Medicine's Office, IRC Building, no later than 4:30 pm on January 30, 2009.

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Previous Recipients of the Killam Teaching Awards:

- 2008: Dr. Carolyn Brown, Department of Medical Genetics; Dr. Jason Ford, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine; Dr. Barry Kassen, Department of Medicine; Dr. Melinda Suto, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy
- 2007: Dr. Steven Kehl, Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences; Dr. Lawrence McIntosh, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology; Dr. Wendy Robinson, Department of Medical Genetics; Dr. Roger Wong, Department of Medicine.
- 2006: Dr. Ross MacGillivray, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology; Dr. Carol Park, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine; Dr. Wayne Vogl, Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences
- 2005: Dr. Richard Barton, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology; Dr. Eric Webber, Department of Surgery; Dr. Joanne Weinberg, Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences
- 2004: Dr. Diane Roscoe, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine; Dr. Sally Osborne, Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences; Dr. Calvin Roskelley, Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences
- 2003: Dr. Sylvie Langlois, Department of Medical Genetics; Dr. Andrew Macnab, Department of Paediatrics; Ms. Lesley Bainbridge, School of Rehabilitation Sciences
- 2002: Ms. Catherine Backman, School of Rehabilitation Sciences; Dr. Andrew Chalmers, Department of Medicine; Dr. Judith Johnston, School of Audiology & Speech Sciences
- 2001: Dr. Harvey Lui, Department of Dermatology & Skin Science; Dr. Gordon Page, Department of Medicine; Dr. J. Anthony Pearson, Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences
- 2000: Dr. Barbara Bernhardt, School of Audiology & Speech Sciences; Dr. Niamh Kelly, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine; Dr. Andrew Seal, Department of Surgery
- 1999: Dr. Morris Pudek, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine; Dr. Karim A. Qayumi, Department of Surgery; Dr. William A. Webber, Department of Anatomy
- 1998: Dr. Richard Arseneau, Department of Medicine; Dr. Carol-Ann Courneya, Department of Cellular & Physiological Sciences; Ms. Margaret J. McCuaig, School of Rehabilitation Sciences
- 1997: Dr. Christopher McIntosh, Department of Physiology; Dr. William K. Ovalle, Department of Anatomy; Dr. Lynn Raymond, Department of Psychiatry
- 1996: Ms. Noelle Lamb, School of Audiology & Speech Sciences; Dr. Mark F. Longhurst, Department of Family Practice; Dr. Charles E. Slonecker, Department of Anatomy
- 1995: Dr. Ray Baker, Department of Family Practice; Dr. John Gilbert, School of Audiology & Speech Sciences; Dr. Alexander (Dooley) Goumeniouk, Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics
- 1994: Dr. Alexander Cairns, Department of Medicine; Dr. David Hardwick, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine; Dr. William Schreiber, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
- 1993: Ms. Christine Carpenter, School of Rehabilitation Sciences; Dr. Vincent Sweeney, Department of Medicine; Dr. Bruce Tiberiis, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- 1992: Dr. Roland W. Lauener, Department of Medicine; Dr. David W. Scheifele, Department of Paediatrics; Dr. Wayne Vogl, Department of Anatomy
- 1991: Dr. Victor Huckell, Department of Medicine; Dr. Michael Myers, Department of Psychiatry; Dr. Joanne Wright, Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
- 1990: Dr. David Fairholm, Department of Surgery; Dr. Robert McMaster, Department of Medical Genetics; Ms. Susan Stanton, School of Rehabilitation Sciences

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POSTPONED UNTIL

Friday, January 16, 2009

“Lessons learned from studying a single-gene disease”

By Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui, OC, FRS, FRSC
(Vice-Chancellor and President, The University of Hong Kong)



St. Paul's Hospital – 1081 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC

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BC PWSA

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Kelowna, BC

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September 2, 2008

Dear University Research Officer:

Re: BCPWSA Student Research Award

The BC Prader-Willi Syndrome Association is sponsoring a Student Research Award in an effort to raise awareness and generate research interest in this syndrome. Please bring this Award to the attention of appropriate faculty and post prominently for students.

Prader-Willi syndrome is a rare congenital disorder associated with chromosome 15. It was first identified in 1956. This syndrome can be very difficult to manage in the home, school and community. While most of the research to date has been bio-medical, the BCPWSA wishes to encourage multi-disciplinary awareness and involvement. Applied research projects addressing psycho-social, educational, residential, vocational, leisure or allied health topics are encouraged.

For further information on the disorder please refer to the web sites of:

- The BC Prader-Willi Syndrome Association at www.bcpwsa.com
- The USA Prader-Willi Syndrome Association at www.pwsausa.org
- The International Prader-Willi Syndrome Organization at www.ipwso.org

Further enquiries about this Student Research Award should be directed to:

Terrance James at tn-james@shaw.ca

Thank you for your consideration of this material.

Yours truly,



Terrance James, PhD