



MICYRN/CCCHR Annual Meeting

This year MICYRN and the Council of Canadian Child Health Research (CCCHR) are partnering to host a joint Annual Meeting which will occur on Thursday, October 16th in Edmonton, Alberta. This meeting will take place prior to the Canadian Association of Pediatric Health Centres (CAPHC) Annual Meeting which runs October 19-22nd also in Edmonton, Alberta. Events at the MICYRN/CCCHR meeting will include:

- MICYRN National Council meeting
- workshops on best practices in pediatric ethics (in conjunction with NCEHR), knowledge translation and data management needs throughout the life of a research study
- session on challenges/opportunities on conducting research in transdisciplinary teams

Information on the CAPHC Annual Meeting can be found at:
<http://www.caphc.org/annual.html>

MICYRN Funding News

We are disappointed to report that MICYRN's submission did not receive national project status from CFI during the initial New Initiatives Fund (NIF) review process due to exclusion of some sites for not meeting administrative eligibility criteria. This left us with 8 of the 10 needed eligible sites to qualify. While we would rather be eliminated at this stage then after having submitted a complete application, clearly this is a disappointment.

We are certainly open to helping others with individual single or multi-centre LEF/NIF applications locally, so please let us know if we can be of assistance.

Research Partnerships Core

Seed Grant Competition

The MICYRN Research Partnerships Core is pleased to announce the launch of a national competition for seed grants to facilitate the formation of new or emerging research networks or teams. Two awards of \$30,000 each will be available to fund workshops or small meetings of investigators (30 people or less) with an emphasis on building networks that are multi-disciplinary, potentially national in scope and have a defined research program that focuses on high impact, critically important health issues in maternal, infant, child and/or youth health. The deadline for application will be September 30, 2008 with awards to be announced October 2008.

Full application details can be found at:

www.micyrn.ca/cores/research-partnership-core.html

Applications can be submitted to:

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Many Thanks—Martin Osmond

Martin Osmond (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario Research Institute) has announced his resignation as Chair of the Research Partnerships Core as of August 2008 due to his multitude of commitments and heavy workload. He will continue to remain an active member of the MICYRN Steering Committee and to represent CHEO in all MICYRN endeavours.

We would like to thank Martin for all of his time and effort that he has dedicated to the Research Partnerships Core and we look forward to continuing our relationship with both Martin and CHEO.

A search to find a new Core Chair will be launched over the next few months so stay tuned for details.

*MICYRN's Vision: Healthy mothers, infants,
children & youth—through high quality,
collaborative clinical research*

Centre for Mother, Infant and Child Research (CMICR)

The Centre for Mother, Infant and Child Research (CMICR) is part of the Sunnybrook Research Institute and is supported by Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, and the Departments of Paediatrics, and Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Toronto. CMICR designs and conducts multicentre randomised controlled trials to answer important questions, and disseminates the findings broadly in order to improve clinical practice and the health outcomes of women and their children, in Canada and internationally.

CMICR History

In 1988, Mary Hannah proposed the development of a perinatal research program. The program was funded in 1990 and designated as the University of Toronto Perinatal Clinical Epidemiology Unit (PCEU) at Women's College Hospital. The TermPROM study was the first international multicentre randomised controlled trial coordinated by the PCEU.

In 1995, the PCEU became the first component of The Centre for Research in Women's Health, and its name was changed to the Maternal, Infant and Reproductive Health Research Unit (MIRU).

Over the next dozen years, MIRU successfully completed other international multicentre trials including the Term Breech Trial, the ECV trial, and the CHIPS pilot trial, while supporting a variety of smaller studies and providing consultation to local colleagues and research training to students.

In 2008, this group of investigators and research staff joined the Sunnybrook Research Institute to become The Centre for Mother, Infant, and Child Research (CMICR).

CMICR Future

As in the past, CMICR will continue to maintain a standard of conducting clinical trials for important clinical questions. As its title suggests, it will broaden its mandate to deal with clinical issues not only within the obstetrical and perinatal arena but go beyond to answer important questions in neonatal care and beyond. To contact the CMICR:

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Pregnancy and Birth: Current Clinical Issues The Centre for Mother, Infant and Child Research Annual Conference

September 26th, 2008 - Pregnancy and Birth: Current Clinical Issues, Annual Conference, The Centre for Mother, Infant and Child Research, Sunnybrook Research Institute, Toronto, Ontario.

Topics: CMA on collaborative care, Collaborative care: how to move forward with integration, South Community Birth Program, Primary care of the low risk woman: who is the appropriate care provider, Antenatal corticosteroids, Perinatal infection in pregnancy, Induction augmentation, Metformin and the management of diabetes in pregnancy: Current guidelines and future possibilities, Antenatal depression and The crying baby.

Speakers: Charmaine Roye, Suzanne Tough, Lee Saxell, Anne Biringner, Kellie Murphy, Deborah Money, Hani Akoury, Denice Feig, Diane des Camps Meschino and Robyn Stremler.

Full program available at: www.cmicr.ca or for further details contact:

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