



Newsletter
Spring 2017

Dear Colleagues

Happy Spring and we hope you could enjoy a long weekend holiday recently. As we move into Spring, we wanted to update you on a few happenings at **DOHaD Canada**.

DOHaD Canada Council meets: In mid-April, the DOHaD Canada Council met to discuss the minutes from our AGM in Montebello in February (Please see attached minutes). One of our major decisions following the AGM, and discussed recently at the Council teleconference, was the establishment of a Strategic working group. The primary objective of this group is to come up with a white paper on the direction and future for DOHaD Canada. A time line to present this document to the general membership by August for feedback was established, so stay tuned and when requests for input come, please be engaged.

Why join The International DOHaD Society? Also, following up from the AGM, we wanted to remind members of the benefits of joining the International DOHaD Society. Currently, there are no membership fees to join DOHaD Canada, but as a Chapter of DOHaD International, DOHaD Canada receives half of your International DOHaD Society membership fee to support our DOHaD Canada operations. This a great opportunity for us to kick start our group financially and we encourage all DOHaD Canada members to join the International DOHaD Society. With DOHAD International membership, you get discounted rates on World Congress registration, a subscription to the Journal of DOHaD, a newsletter and emails regarding DOHaD related workshops and events. Also, you will have access to workshop financial support! Check out the DOHaD International website here for further details: <https://dohadsoc.org/>

DOHaD Canada Membership drive: Also at the recent Council meeting, we also wanted to enlist the membership's help in asking that you reach out to your colleagues who may not yet be members of DOHaD Canada, as we really want to be an inclusive group moving forward. So please if you work with colleagues who are not yet DOHaD Members, encourage them to consider joining and being part of the push forward to bring DOHaD research in Canada to the forefront of the scientific and public communities.

Next DOHaD Canada meeting: Following the success of the 2017 DOHaD Canada meeting held in conjunction with CNPRM 2017 at Montebello earlier this year, we are pleased to announce that plans are well underway for DOHaD Canada 2018. An organizing committee lead by Drs Ospina and Giesbrecht, and a scientific committee consisting of Drs Atkinson, Kimmins, Bourque and Weaver has been established. At this stage, the Meeting is planned to occur in

conjunction with CNPRM 2018 to be held in Banff. Stay tuned for further details and if you have input, please contact any of the leaders of this 'must attend' event.

Use the Website: If you have any news, position vacant, planned regional DOHaD-related meeting, please let us know and we'll get them in the newsletter as well as posted on the website.

Rotterdam 2017: We encourage all DOHaD Canada members to submit their best work to, and attend, the 10th World Congress at DOHaD 2017 Rotterdam (<http://www.dohad2017.org>). DOHaD Canada will be hosting a gathering of CDN members, so stay tuned for further details.

We'll have more news through our seasonal newsletters so stay tuned!

Regards,

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Monday 14th February
DOHAD Canada 2017 AGM Minutes
3 - 4:30 pm
OUTAOUAIS ROOM
Fairmont Montebello

1) Welcome and Intro to current executive members and discussion of DOHaD Canada future (Lead by SGM and DS)

- a. First talks of forming a DOHaD Canada group were held at Singapore-DOHaD. After forming an interim council thereafter, made up of faculty and trainees, spread across many DOHaD themes, the interim council and interested parties met in Capetown-DOHaD. Since then we have established ourselves as an Chapter of International DOHaD, established a website for promoting the society and the DOHaD Concept. We have established a member registration platform on the website and now have over 221 members. The website, maintained by support from FMIHD, also highlights the DOHaD Canada mission statement and provides updates on other DOHaD related functions and various job positions/opportunities.
- b. Moving forward, for DOHaD Canada, we need to establish Strategic priorities. Further we need review new groups and how they grew (eg, Canadian Obesity Network).
- c. Discussion about what to do next, focused around several key points, all using the website as a platform for advancing the groups aims and objectives.
 - i. Website development is on-going needing Firewall access development for certain areas etc
 1. We need a big focus on the trainees/new investigator – the future of DOHaD research
 - a. need to strengthen/engage trainee feedback and involvement – need to form a trainee committee
 - b. Victoria will develop list (Model - DREAM trainee group)
 2. Additionally, there need to be theme/groups committees developed (OzNZ Model?) to focus on:
 - a. DOHaD Canada research
 - i. Webpages with investigator profiles and links to research pages
 - b. DOHaD Canada training
 - i. Workshop (mid-level etc) development

- ii. Trainee specific – network development opportunities and exchange opportunities (national and international – other DOHaD societies/chapters?)
- iii. Webinars
- iv. Joint postings with J of DOHaD
- v. Grant Opportunities (Dan)
- c. DOHaD Canada communication/translation
 - i. Specific focus for indigenous research with community engagement/education (Tracey/Rhonda)
 - ii. May need to engage professional translator (\$)
 - iii. Need clear clean message/package (Barb/Anne Monique)

2) Review of membership/numbers

a) DOHAD Canada (Steve)

221 members across the country as discussed above

Keep encouraging people to join and contribute to the Chapter.

b) Intl DOHaD contribution/membership #s (Deb)

Through our Chapter status with DOHaD, we receive half membership fees back from Intl society. WE need to encourage all our members to join DOHaD. If 100 full memberships sign up = ~\$4000 back and then with trainee even more returns.

With this we are a serious society, and other groups will engage with us.

These monies can be used to support for regional societies (admin), exchange scholarships/workshops and travel support to go to intl congress.

In terms of what hat do we need to give back to DOHaD, we need to report, engage with their activities and meet our objectives!

c) Membership fees?/sponsorship ? (Please strategic and initiatives slides)

This topic on the agenda was not really discussed. TR proposes discussion be held in Rotterdam

3) Annual meeting discussion

a) Review DOHaD Canada 2017

A big thank you to Stephane and Ian for organizing a very successful DOHaD Canada 2017 meeting, our first!

Success measured by a very big turn out - 115 registrants - much bigger than our surveys indicated.

Financial report – ran a profit...highly subsidized by Govt, Academia and industry
CIHR, DOHAD, FMIHD, SKEP and ADI Instruments - Thank You!

b) DOHaD journal discussion (Kristin): Discussion to generate a Themed issue on DOHaD Canada Annual meeting?

Kristin to work with 2017 meeting organizers to set up.
Stay tuned

c) Next Scientific meeting

CNPRM partnering – plan is to have next meeting in association with Banff 2018
NEED committee to run meetings and design layout - Stephanie and Sarah

4) Discussion of DOHAD Canada strategic directions

a) Suggestions/changes to manifesto content

a. Covered above – any new ideas please keep them coming

b) Setting up elections, how and when to elect our office holders was discussed (Steve and Deb)

a. Later in 2017 to talk about logistics of this and when the Executive decided on a process, please be involved in the process – nominate and vote

5) AOB

a) Announcements: DOHAD Intl congress (Rotterdam) (Steve/Deb)

a. We'll have something there

b) Possible funding through Intl Society (workshop support) (Deb)

c) DOHAD Poster session Feb 14th/15th – Canada Room (5-7 pm)

5) Meeting adjourned.