

**New Brunswick Health Research Foundation
Official Launch & Conference**

**GROWING HEALTH RESEARCH IN NEW BRUNSWICK:
IT TAKES A VILLAGE...**

**October 4-6, 2009
Delta Fredericton Hotel**



New Brunswick
Health Research
Foundation



Fondation de la
recherche en santé
du Nouveau-Brunswick

Knowledge. Growth. Innovation.

Savoir, Avancement, Innovation

Message from the Chair



Welcome! This is a very special occasion, for it marks the launch of the New Brunswick Health Research Foundation, an organization created to coordinate, promote and support health research in this province. This event is intended to introduce you and the general public to NBHRF, and to share information about our mandate, funding programs, etc. with the research community. It is also intended to afford

you, our delegates, with the opportunity to network with other health research stakeholders.

I would like to draw attention to the poster displays we've invited. Clearly, a lot of very excellent health research was already going on in the province before NBHRF arrived on the scene. On the occasion of our launch, we thought it was fitting to showcase some of it.

The conference theme – *Growing Health Research in New Brunswick: It Takes a Village...* – is, I think, very appropriate. It was chosen by our planning committee, who recognize that no single organization or entity can significantly “grow” the health research enterprise in New Brunswick by itself. It will require many players working together to achieve that goal.

Speaking of the conference component, we think we have assembled a first class lineup of speakers and presenters who will speak to topics of interest to all health researchers. But we'll let you be the judge of that! In your conference folder, you will find an evaluation form. We would be deeply grateful if you would complete your evaluation and leave it with us at the end of this event. Your input will help us improve future such conferences.

At this point, I would like to recognize the contributions of the members of the NBHRF board, who have provided their wisdom and guidance since the Foundation began operations last summer. An extra debt of gratitude is owed to those members of the board who also sat on our conference planning committee. Thank you!

I also wish to thank the Government of New Brunswick. The creation of the Foundation flows out of Government's recognition of the value of an organization that could provide an infrastructure to help support the New Brunswick health research community and foster capacity development.

Enjoy your conference! And don't forget to tell us how we did by completing that evaluation form.

Robert Simpson, Executive Director / Chair
NEW BRUNSWICK HEALTH RESEARCH FOUNDATION

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009

- 1700 - 1900** Registration
1800 - 1900 Reception and Poster Display
(Grand Ballroom D & Lobby)
1900 - 2100 Banquet
 Remarks - *Hon. Victor Boudreau, Minister, Business New Brunswick*
 Keynote Address - *Dr. Robert Evans*
(Grand Ballroom B&C)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009

- 0730** Registration / Buffet Breakfast
(Grand Ballroom A)
0900 - 1000 Welcome & Introductory Remarks
Robert Simpson, NBHRF Executive Director/Chair
 Remarks - *Hon. Mary Schryer, Minister of Health*
 View from the Research Community
Dr. Judith Wuest
 NBHRF Announcements
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
1000 -1030 Nutrition Break - Poster Viewing
(Grand Ballroom D & Lobby)
1030 - 1230 Remarks - National Organizations
 Introduction of NBHRF Board
 About NBHRF
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
1230 - 1330 Networking Lunch
(Grand Ballroom A)
1330 - 1430 Plenary - *Dr. Ian Graham*
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
1430 -1500 Nutrition Break - Poster Viewing
(Grand Ballroom D & Lobby)
1500 - 1700 Plenary - *Dr. Beth Horsburgh*
 Reaction/Discussion Panel
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
1900 - 2100 Café Scientifique
(D.J. Purdy's Lounge)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009

- 0730** Registration / Buffet Breakfast
(Grand Ballroom A)
0845 - 0900 Setting the Stage
0900 - 0945 Plenary - *Dr. Maria Mathews*
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
0945 -1015 Nutrition Break *(Lobby)*
1015 -1100 Plenary - *Dr. Julia Abelson*
1100 -1200 Plenary - NBHRF Funding Programs
1200 Closing Remarks
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
 Box Lunch
(Grand Ballroom A)

Sunday Evening at a Glance

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2009

1700 - 1900 **Registration**

1800 - 1900 **Reception and Poster Display**
(Grand Ballroom D & Lobby)

1900 - 2100 **Banquet**

Remarks - Hon. Victor Boudreau,
Minister, Business New Brunswick

Keynote Address - Dr. Robert Evans
(Grand Ballroom B&C)

SUNDAY EVENING SESSIONS:

1800 - 1900 **Reception and Poster Display**
Grand Ballroom D & Lobby

The theme of this conference - indeed, one of NBHRF's key objectives - is "Growing health research in New Brunswick". That said, there is already some very excellent and diverse health research going on in the province, and this session will attempt to showcase some of that activity. Posters will also be available for viewing throughout the conference, particularly during nutrition breaks. We encourage you to make use of this reception and those subsequent opportunities to take in the display.

1900 - 2100 **Banquet**
Grand Ballroom B&C

Remarks - Hon. Victor Boudreau,
Minister, Business New Brunswick

CONFERENCE NOTES

- ★ Simultaneous interpretation will be available for all plenary sessions. NOTE that many of our plenary sessions will be delivered in a mix of both official languages. Please avail yourself of a receiver if you require one, and remember to return it each day.
- ★ Apart from the conference banquet, which is in Grand Ballrooms B&C, all buffet meals will take place in Grand Ballroom A.
- ★ Posters will be displayed throughout the conference in Grand Ballroom D. Poster presenters will be available during the Poster Display session on Sunday evening, and at nutrition breaks on Monday.
- ★ Some of our participants experience discomfort when subjected to scented products. Please be sensitive in this regard to those around you by wearing unscented personal products throughout the conference.
- ★ At the end of the event, please let us know how we have done by completing the conference evaluation form.



Keynote - Dr. Robert Evans
**WHO'S AT THE EYEPIECE;
WHAT'S ON THE SLIDE?
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PURPOSES
AND PROSPECTS IN HEALTH
RESEARCH**

One of the world's leading health economists, Dr Evans' ground-breaking comparative studies of health care systems and funding strategies have led to a number of invitations to provide advice to the Canadian federal and provincial governments. He has also served as a consultant and lecturer on health care issues to a number of governments and public agencies in the United States, Europe, Asia and the South Pacific. Dr Evans' writings include several classics in the field, including: "Strained Mercy: The Economics of Canadian Health Care" (1984) and "Why Are Some People Healthy and Others Not? The Determinants of Health of Populations" (1994). Dr Evans received his undergraduate degree in political economy from the University of Toronto, and his PhD in economics from Harvard University.

From this background, Dr. Evans will prognosticate in broad terms about what the future may hold for health research in Canada.

Monday at a Glance

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009

- 0730** **Registration / Buffet Breakfast**
(Grand Ballroom A)
- 0900 - 1000** **Welcome & Introductory Remarks**
Robert Simpson, NBHRF
Executive Director/Chair
- Remarks - Hon. Mary Schryer**
Minister of Health
- View from the Research Community**
Dr. Judith Wuest
- NBHRF Announcements**
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
- 1000 -1030** **Nutrition Break - Poster Viewing**
(Grand Ballroom D & Lobby)
- 1030 - 1230** **Remarks - National Organizations**
- Introduction of NBHRF Board**
- About NBHRF**
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
- 1230 - 1330** **Networking Lunch**
(Grand Ballroom A)
- 1330 - 1430** **Plenary - Dr. Ian Graham**
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
- 1430 -1500** **Nutrition Break - Poster Viewing**
(Grand Ballroom D & Lobby)
- 1500 - 1700** **Plenary - Dr. Beth Horsburgh**
Reaction/Discussion Panel
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
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- 1900 - 2100** **Café Scientifique**
(D.J. Purdy's Lounge)

MONDAY SESSIONS:

- 0730 - 0900** **BUFFET BREAKFAST**
(Grand Ballroom A)
- 0900 - 0905** **Welcome & Introductory Remarks**
Robert Simpson, NBHRF
Executive Director/Chair
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
- 0905 - 0915** **Remarks - Hon. Mary Schryer**
Minister of Health
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
- 0915 - 0930** **View from the Research Community**
Dr. Judith Wuest
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
- 0930 - 1000** **NBHRF Announcements**
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
- 1000 - 1030** **NUTRITION BREAK & POSTER VIEWING**
(Grand Ballroom D & Lobby)
- 1030 - 1230** **Remarks - National Organizations ***
- Introduction of NBHRF Board**
- About NBHRF**
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
- * Remarks from:
- Dr. Alain Beaudet**
President & CEO
Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
- Maureen O'Neil**
President & CEO
Canadian Health Services Research Foundation (CHSRF)
- Dr. Brian O'Rourke**
Acting President & CEO
Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technology in Health (CADTH)
- Krista Connell**
Founding Member
National Alliance of Provincial Health Research Organizations (NAPHRO)

- 1230 - 1330** **NETWORKING LUNCH**
(Grand Ballroom A)



MONDAY SESSIONS:

1330 - 1430 **Plenary - Dr. Ian D. Graham** **HEALTH RESEARCH WITH AN IMPACT (KT)**



(Grand Ballroom B&C)

Without doubt, Canadian health researchers are producing excellent research. But how can we get better at putting research into the hands of those who can turn it into action (e.g., policy makers, healthcare managers, practitioners, the private sector, the public)? Dr. Graham will address this critical issue of knowledge translation.

1430 - 1500 **NUTRITION BREAK & POSTER VIEWING** *(Grand Ballroom D & Lobby)*

1500 - 1700 **Plenary - Dr. Martha E. (Beth) Horsburgh** **LINKING HEALTH RESEARCHERS AND DECISION MAKERS**



(Grand Ballroom B&C)

The conference planning committee's search for a speaker who could effectively address the issue of linking the health research and the health practice/policy communities led us to Dr. Beth Horsburgh. Dr. Horsburgh will speak to her experience with the development, implementation and evaluation of the new joint office of the Associate Vice-President Research – Health (U of Saskatchewan)/Vice-President Research and Innovation (Saskatoon Health Region). She will illustrate how the joint office works using a short example.

This presentation will be followed by a **reaction panel** involving both health researchers and healthcare policy/decision makers. Panel members include:

- Jean-Marc Dupuis (MODERATOR), Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning, Sustainability and E-Health, Department of Health
- Dr. France Talbot, Université de Moncton
- Dr. Bill Morrison, University of New Brunswick
- Jacques Duclos, Regional Health Authority A
- Nancy Roberts, Vice-President of Research, Regional Health Authority B

1700 ADJOURN

MONDAY EVENING:

Café Scientifique



WHEN: **Monday, October 5, 2009**
1900 - 2100

WHERE: **D.J. Purdy's Lounge**
Main Lobby
Delta Fredericton Hotel

THEME: **HEALTH RESEARCH IN NEW
BRUNSWICK: WHAT'S
HAPPENING? WHAT DO YOU
THINK SHOULD BE HAPPENING?**

Facilitator: *Lyne St-Pierre-Ellis*, Director
Executive Director Rural Health, Medical
Education and Francophone Services
Department of Health

Speakers: *Dr. Rodney Ouellette*, CEO,
Atlantic Cancer Research Institute
Dr. Baukje (Bo) Miedema, Director of
Research, Dalhousie Family Medicine
Teaching Unit, Fredericton



Dr. Rodney Ouellette



Dr. Baukje (Bo) Miedema



D.J. Purdy's Lounge

Tuesday at a Glance

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009

- 0730** **Registration / Buffet Breakfast**
(Grand Ballroom A)
- 0845 - 0900** **Setting the Stage**
- 0900 - 0945** **Plenary - Dr. Maria Mathews**
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
- 0945 -1015** **Nutrition Break** *(Lobby)*
- 1015 -1100** **Plenary - Dr. Julia Abelson**
- 1100 -1200** **Plenary - NBHRF Funding Programs**
- 1200**
1230 **Closing Remarks, Adjournment,**
Box Lunch
(Grand Ballroom B&C)

TUESDAY SESSIONS:

0730 - 0840 **BUFFET BREAKFAST**
(Grand Ballroom A)

0845 - 0900 **Setting the Stage**
(Grand Ballroom B&C)

NBHRF Executive Director/Chair Bob Simpson will touch on the highlights from Monday and will set the stage for Tuesday's sessions.

0900 - 0945 **Plenary - Dr. Maria Mathews**
**COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH:
WORKING IN TEAMS**
(Grand Ballroom C&D)



Granting agencies increasingly call for researchers to work in teams - with community partners and other researchers. In this presentation, Dr. Mathews will provide tips for new researchers and trainees on how to build successful teams.

Dr. Maria Mathews is an Associate Professor of Health Policy/Health Care Delivery in the Division of Community Health & Humanities, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University. She has a PhD in Health Policy, Management & Evaluation from the University of Toronto and a Masters in Health Services Administration from the University of Alberta.

TUESDAY SESSIONS (Continued):

0945 - 1015 **NUTRITION BREAK**

1015 - 1100 **Plenary - Dr. Julia Abelson**
**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND
HEALTH RESEARCH**



(Grand Ballroom B&C)

The focus on public engagement in healthcare policy and program development has shifted from *if* public engagement is done to *how* it's done. Dr. Julia Abelson will speak to the increasing importance of effective public engagement in this context.

Dr. Abelson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Associate Member of the Department of Political Science, Director of CHEPA and director of CHEPA's Health Policy Program at McMaster University. She is a past holder of a CIHR New Investigator award and an Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Career Scientist award. She obtained her M.Sc. in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard School of Public Health and her doctorate in social and policy sciences at the University of Bath, U.K.

1100 -1200 **Plenary**
**NBHRF Funding Programs:
Are they for me?**
(Grand Ballroom B&C)

This will be an interactive session, designed to familiarize researchers with NBHRF's funding programs.

1200 -1230 **Closing Remarks, Adjournment**
(Grand Ballroom B&C)
Box Lunch
(Grand Ballroom A)

★ **EVALUATION** ★

**Please take the time to complete the
Conference Evaluation found in your
conference folder.**