CRCRC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

CANADIAN RESPIRATORY CLINICAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM
CONSORTIUM CANADIEN DE RECHERCHE CLINIQUE EN PNEUMOLOGIE

The Canadian Respiratory Clinical Research Consortium (CRCRC) is an organization of Canadian academic respiratory physicians and health care professionals with a special interest in respiratory related clinical research. Information about the CRCRC can be found on the web at www.crcrc.ca

Our goal is to facilitate exchange of progress of ongoing clinical research projects and, to help Canadian respiratory researchers bring their clinical research projects to fruition. This involves helping Canadian researchers develop their research projects with respect to designing the question, writing the grant, getting funding, and implementing the protocol.

We hold an annual national conference each year. **This year's national CRCRC meeting will be held in Montreal on June 19 at the Montreal Hilton Bonaventure Hotel.** Our meeting will immediately precede the Canadian Thoracic Society's first annual Canadian Respiratory Conference meeting scheduled in Montreal which will be held from June 20-22 at the same location.

The CRCRC conference will be of special interest to Respiriologists, Respiratory Therapists, Physical Therapists, Nurses, Clinical Fellows, Postdoctoral Fellows, PhD students, and Graduate students working in respiratory public health/epidemiology. There will be educational sessions offered in research methodology. Dr. Gordon Guyatt will be our visiting speaker this year.

We would encourage investigators to submit their respiratory clinical research protocols to the CRCRC. The investigator can then present his/her protocol at the CRCRC annual meeting. The CRCRC will provide objective, constructive review of all submitted protocols. Those protocols that are endorsed by the CRCRC can be subsequently implemented by the investigator through our Canada-wide network of clinical researchers.

As part of the initiative to encourage participation in the process we are able to offer travel stipends to young faculty and researcher trainees who wish to attend the CRCRC meeting. **We will pay travel and accommodation costs, up to \$1000 each, for a maximum of 2 young faculty or trainees per university/division. We will also offer \$1000 travel stipends to all investigators who present their research protocols at our annual meeting.**

If you are interested in attending our annual meeting on June 19 please email the CRCRC chair: Dr. Shawn Aaron at saaron@ohri.ca. If you wish to apply for a \$1000 travel stipend please state this in your email.

If you would like to present your research protocol to the CRCRC at the annual meeting on June 19 then please email Dr. Aaron and include a copy of your protocol or structured abstract. All protocols will be kept confidential. Protocols should be submitted to Dr. Aaron at saaron@ohri.ca. Please submit your protocol by May 1, 2008. This will give us enough time to allow us to distribute your protocol for a thorough review by CRCRC members prior to the meeting.

We thank you for your interest in furthering clinical respiratory research in Canada. We hope you will choose to attend our annual meeting.

Sincerely,

Shawn Aaron