

The Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR)
5-Year Plan (2011-2015)
Priorities and Activities

1. Organize a strong CAHR annual conference

Activities:

Follow the Conference Planning Guide

Executive Director to update Conference Planning Guide yearly

2. Enhance communications with CAHR membership

Activities:

Post HIV-related research funding opportunities on the website

Organize & update the membership list

Produce quarterly e-bulletin for distribution to the membership

Increase involvement of the membership in the AGM

Ensure that the membership is aware of their status as members and the benefits of membership

3. Enhance collaboration with other agencies and stakeholders

Activities:

Approach CIHR to seek opportunities for sustained funding for New Researcher Workshop

Identify avenues for collaboration, information exchange, networking, and joint projects with local, national & international partners

Pursue long-term opportunities for corporate sponsorship around specific events

Identify organizations with which CAHR could sign memoranda of cooperation to facilitate future collaborative projects

4. Support high quality training opportunities

Activities:

New Researcher Workshop

Scholarships (Conference-related, Doctoral, Master's level)

Look into requirements of becoming a CME accrediting body

Determine the need/desire for other conference activities e.g. workshops for established researchers, debates, webinars

5. Host and maintain the research inventory with our partners.

Activities:

A draft proposal will be prepared by the ED working with the ad hoc group on the inventory and presented to the council before moving forward.

Status quo is unacceptable. If CAHR Council moves forward it must be done in partnership, and a significant amount of the funding has to come from partners.

Before CAHR proceeds the value added to CAHR must be clear. The scope of the inventory must be defined, starting out modestly.

Consistent oversight by CAHR will be required.

6. Inform and instruct policy and priority decisions through advocacy and participation on committees of HIV research funding bodies

Activities:

Position CAHR to have a seat at the table where these funding bodies are developing HIV initiatives

Develop CAHR perspectives to allow for informed discussions at those tables

7. Continue to develop a strong CAHR organizational infrastructure

Activities:

Maintain and strengthen the national office, including a full-time E.D. and appropriate support staff

Regularly assess workload and staffing needs of the national office

Conduct an annual Council Retreat to review and update the work activities needed to deliver the strategic plan

Conduct periodic review of CAHR's finances

Undertake an annual review of the strategic plan and work plan to assess progress towards the achievement of CAHR's mission and objectives