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Dear CanHepC Members, Trainees and Partners,

On behalf of myself and the CanHepC Steering Committee, we would like to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season and all the best for 2016.

As this year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on what we have been doing at CanHepC to get our network off the ground:

- Consultations led by the different core leaders are ongoing among investigators of this core to identify the network common research priorities and the infrastructure required. If you have any novel ideas, please talk to the corresponding core leader. Further discussions will occur during our annual meeting in February. We have set time for breakout sessions in the morning for each core then a discussion with the general assembly of investigators in the afternoon
- A coordination committee for each core will be formed (with a rotating membership). The members of the four committees for each research core will form the CanHepC scientific committee.
- We have advanced on our goal to establish a strong research and knowledge translation component with the Indigenous population. This effort is being coordinated by Renee Masching and Alexandra King.
- We have discussed with the Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR) about partnering in upcoming workshops in 2016 for young and mid-career investigators. More news coming your way in the new year.
- The Knowledge Translation core led by Dr. Tom Wong has been actively discussing advocacy issues and interactions to inform policy makers and PHAC working towards a Canadian Action Plan for Hepatitis C. At the same time, we are continuing our collaboration with CLF and CASL on advocacy issues.
- We have received 19 new trainee applications of high quality and spanning the all our research pillars. Applications are currently being reviewed by the education committee to select candidates that will be interviewed at our annual meeting.
- We have a great program for the 5th Canadian Symposium on HCV. Registrations are running out fast, so please register quickly to secure your place.

There is more to be done and 2016 will be a very busy and active year for our network. I count on your continued support and participation and look forward to stimulating discussions with you in Montreal this February.

Wishing you all once again all the best for the Holiday Season and 2016



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