



Tuesday, October 31 & Wednesday, November 8 2023
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM PT / 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM ET

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CANADIAN BRAIN RESEARCH STRATEGY ANNUAL LEADERSHIP MEETING

In the last 9 months, we've transitioned from a focus on consultations to a proactive drive for government outreach, policy engagement, and advocacy. Additionally, we've made substantial progress in collaboration with our funders' coalition to advance our near-term strategic priorities.

These reference materials highlight a few of our activities:

- Outreach Activities Overview (Oct 2023)
- CIHR Network Catalyst Grant Mid-Term Progress Report
- SRSR Committee Moonshot Study Opening Remarks and Brief (English and French)
- Submission to FINA Pre-budget Consultations for Budget 2024
- CBRS 2022 Annual Funders' Coalition Meeting Report
- CBRS Funders' Report on Diversity & Team Science
- CBRS Funders' Report on Transdisciplinary Training - DRAFT
- CBRS Funders' Report on Indigenous Initiatives – DRAFT
- Indigenous Engagement Interim Synthesis Report (Oct 2023)
- CSPC 2023 Panel Presentation Overview - Brain Research: The cornerstone for Canada's future social-economic wealth

With these achievements in mind, it's time for us to reconvene and chart the path forward for the upcoming year. The primary goals for this meeting are to:

1. Outline the strategic priorities and goals for the upcoming year with input from leadership
2. Broaden discussions on our approach on government outreach, policymaker engagements, and advocacy efforts

MEETING AGENDA

Time	Agenda Topic
12:30am PT / 3:30pm ET	Welcome - Jennie Land acknowledgement and opening remarks
12:35am PT / 3:35am ET	Progress and Updates - Jennie and Andrew We will present the latest updates, recent achievements, and milestones, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sharing reports from Funders' Meetings▪ Reports on Indigenous Initiatives and consultations▪ Insights from government engagement and submitted policy briefs▪ Plans for government relations and business case development

1:00pm PT / 4:00pm ET	<p>Defining the Brain Research Initiative - <i>Caroline, Derya, and Tabrez</i></p> <p>We will explore key components and priorities of a Canadian Brain Research Initiative, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Resources Survey, an exercise designed to gather insights about the needs, resources, and collaboration opportunities in the brain research landscape ▪ Breakout sessions to explore how to structure the survey effectively to gather valuable insights
1:35pm PT / 4:35pm ET	<p>Mobilizing Advocacy - <i>Jennie</i></p> <p>We will share plans for coordinating efforts in government outreach and public engagement, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Collective voice of united stakeholders at national and international level ▪ Individual advocacy: mobilizing leadership and their constituents
1:55pm PT / 4:55pm ET	<p>Closing Remarks - <i>Jennie</i></p> <p>Summary and next steps</p>

CBRS LEADERSHIP

Brain Science Leaders

Alan Evans (Canadian Open Neuroscience Platform, Healthy Brains for Healthy Lives CFREF, McGill Centre for Integrative Neuroscience, McGill University)

Allison Sekuler (Rotman Research Institute, Baycrest, Centre for Aging + Brain Health Innovation, University of Toronto, McMaster University)

André Longtin (University of Ottawa)

Aristotle Voineskos (The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health)

Arlette Kolta (Centre Interdisciplinaire de Recherche sur le Cerveau et l'Apprentissage, Université de Montréal)

Chris Anderson (Brain and Cognitive Sciences, University of Manitoba)

Darrell Mousseau (Neuroscience Cluster, University of Saskatchewan)

David Park (Hotchkiss Brain Institute, University of Calgary)

Doug Crawford (Vision: Science to Applications CFREF, Connected Minds CFREF, York University)

Doug Munoz (Centre for Neuroscience Studies, Queen's University)

Doug Zochodne (Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute, University of Alberta)

Gustavo Turecki (Douglas Research Centre, McGill University)

Guy Rouleau (Montreal Neurological Institute-Hospital, McGill University)

Jaideep Bains (Krembil Research Institute, University Health Network)

Judy Illes (Vice-Chair, CBRS Steering Committee, Neuroethics Canada, University of British Columbia)

Karim Jerbi (UNIQUE Neuro-AI Research Centre, Université Montréal)

Keith Murai (Centre for Research in Neuroscience, Brain Repair and Integrative Neuroscience Program, Montreal General Hospital, McGill University Health Centre, McGill University)
Lisa Saksida (BrainsCAN CFREF, Azrieli Program in Brain, Mind & Consciousness CIFAR, Western University)
Lynn Raymond (Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health, University of British Columbia)
Matthew Holahan (Department of Neuroscience, Carleton University)
Melanie Woodin (Faculty of Arts & Science, University of Toronto)
Michiru Hirasawa (Neuroscience Program, Memorial University)
Oury Monchi (Canadian Open Parkinson Network, Centre de Recherche de l'Institut Universitaire de Gériatrie de Montréal, Université of Montréal)
Patricia Conrod (Stratégie en neurosciences et santé mentale de l'Université de Montréal, Université de Montréal)
Randy McIntosh (Institute for Neuroscience and Neurotechnology, Simon Fraser University)
Ravi Menon (Robarts Research Institute, BrainsCAN CFREF, Western University)
Robert Sutherland (Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience, University of Lethbridge)
Ruth Slack (Brain-Heart Interconnectome CFREF, Brain Mind Research Institute, University of Ottawa)
Shawn Whitehead (Western Institute for Neuroscience, Western University)
Victor Rafuse (Brain Repair Centre, Dalhousie University)
Yoshua Bengio (Mila – Québec AI Institute, Institut de valorisation des données CFREF, Learning in Machines and Brains CIFAR, Université de Montréal)
Yves De Koninck (Chair, CBRS Steering Committee, CERVO Brain Research Centre, Quebec Integrated University Health and Social Services Centre, Université Laval)

Early- and Mid-Career Researcher Leaders

Caroline Ménard (Early Career Researchers Lead, Associate Professor, Université Laval)
Derya Sargin (Associate Professor, University of Calgary)
Tabrez Siddiqui (Manitoba Neuroscience Network, Associate Professor, University of Manitoba)

Indigenous Knowledges Holders Group

Bryce Mercredi (Elder, Métis Nation)
Chelsea Gabel (Métis Nation, McMaster University)
Christopher Mushquash (Pays Plat First Nation, University of Lakehead)
Malcolm King (Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, University of Saskatchewan)
Melissa Perreault (Métis Nation, University of Guelph)

Patient Representatives

Archana Castelino (Dystonia Medical Research Foundation Canada, Neurological Health Charities Canada)
Deanna Groetzinger (Neurological Health Charities Canada)

CBRS SECRETARIAT

Andrew Manitowabi, Indigenous Initiatives Lead
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