

Bring together all heart failure stakeholders to improve the prediction, prevention, diagnosis and management of heart failure.

A Few words from your central team

Dear Members,

We hope you are all doing well.

Last week was Vascular 2023 and we were there. We had a chance to meet with some of you, meet with our partners, and we took advantage of being all together to move some of the projects forward. In this issue, we give you an overview of what we did over the past few days.

We would also like to remind you that CANTRAIN and its collaborators offer internship programs for clinical research professionals, early investigators, and graduate and post-graduate students. We encourage you to visit the [CANTRAIN website](#) and take advantage of these opportunities.

Best wishes,

Maryse, Leslie, Jean, and Marc



From left to right: Leslie Hausermann, Maryse Desjardins, Jean L. Rouleau and Marc Bains

Vascular 2023: We Were There !

Vascular 2023 took place in Montreal from October 25-29 and we were there. In fact, in addition to the many CHF Alliance members, including our Network Co-Lead Marc Bains, who were there as speakers, we shared a booth with our partner, the [HeartLife Foundation](#), to promote the CHF Alliance and heart failure awareness. The booth was a great opportunity to meet some of you, other healthcare professionals and researchers, as well as existing and potential new partners.

During these few days, we also took advantage of having many of our most dedicated members in the same place to advance some projects such as the Canadian Cardiomyopathy Collaborative, enrichment of the [Canadian Alliance for Healthy Hearts and Minds \(CAHMM\)](#) database, and VIRTUES-HF (in collaboration with CANet). In addition, members of the CHF Alliance Executive Committee met on Friday evening to discuss the infrastructures that the CHF Alliance is trying to build with its partners to support the research community such as the Patient Partner Platform, the Training Program, Mitewekan (Indigenous Council for Research) and the Open Science infrastructure. Finally, we met with some of our founding partners to share the CHF Alliance's vision for the future.

Importantly, while Vascular 2023 is an incredible opportunity for the research community to come together and learn more about new developments in vascular health, it's also an opportunity for patients to get involved and learn more about their health. On Wednesday, in partnership with the CHF Alliance and [Pewasaskwin](#), CANet hosted its [Public Forum](#), which brought together patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals and the Montreal public to hear from and ask questions to leading cardiac experts and people with lived experience in cardiac care to share stories and experiences of living well. In addition, CHF Alliance Patient Engagement and Empowerment Team, in partnership with the HeartLife Foundation and [TRANSFORM-HF](#), hosted a free, day-long Masterclass for patient partners engaging in cardiovascular, designed to train patients with lived experience to be active and engaged members of research teams and to begin building a community across Canada.

We are very grateful for all the opportunities we have had over the past few days to connect with you and move important projects forward. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our partners, collaborators and members for their time, trust, and hard work to help us improve the prevention, prediction, diagnosis and management of heart failure.

Special Thanks To Our Collaborators At Vascular



And To Our Founding Partners



Do not hesitate to [contact us](#) if you want to share something with the CHF Alliance community.

