

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 that all is well with you and that you were able to take some time off over the summer. In the last issue, we completed our tour of the teams, themes and collaborative projects that make up the infrastructure of the CHF Alliance. In this new issue, we will give you an overview of the CHF Alliance after one year of activity.

We are pleased to announce the names of the awardees of our first edition of the Early Career Investigator Grants Competition. As for the trainee awards competition, we received high-quality applications. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the young investigators who applied, as well as our scientific reviewers and patient partner reviewer who reviewed the 8 applications.

Finally, we would like to remind you that we always love to hear from you and that you can send us any information, successes or opportunities you would like to share with the CHF Alliance community.

Best wishes,

Maryse, Leslie, Jean, and Marc



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

**CHF Alliance Early Career Investigator Grants:
Congratulations to the awardees**

Last spring, we launched our first **Early Career Investigator Grants Competition**, for which we received 8 high-quality applications. The CHF Alliance was pleased to support half of them with research funding grants of \$25,000 each. We are pleased to announce the names of the awardees:

- **Dr. Guillaume Marquis-Gravel**, Montreal Heart Institute, Université de Montréal
- **Dr. Jorge Wong**, Hamilton Health Sciences, McMaster University
- **Dr. Nasasha Aleksova**, Women's College Hospital
- **Dr. Maxime Tremblay-Gravel**, Montreal Heart Institute, Université de Montréal

Congratulations to our young investigators!

The CHF Alliance after one year

In the first year, we worked to strengthen the network's infrastructure and lay the groundwork for innovative research and projects. We initiated many new collaborations to improve the quality of existing projects or to create new projects that we felt were important for HF patients and aligned with the Alliance's vision and mission. As a result, the network now has more than 200 members across Canada, including more than 130 researchers and clinical experts, 38 trainees and over 40 patient partners. We have joined the recently funded Accelerating Clinical Trials Consortium along with 27 other Canadian networks to accelerate clinical trials in Canada, and we have initiated a link with the nationally funded Brain-Heart InterConnectome to develop projects around mental health and heart failure in collaboration with patient partners.

The CHF Alliance Network

9	Provinces	>200 Participants
		>30 Early Career Investigators
		39 Trainees
1	Territory	>40 Patient Caregiver Partners
		14 Indigenous Partners
30	Hospital Centers	5 Platforms
		>35 Partner

The Network teams are all very active and work tirelessly to advance our mission and research priorities. Thanks to the commitment of the leaders and members of the teams, we have the opportunity to make a big difference in many areas, such as:

- Access to care,
- Disease management,
- Patient partner engagement,
- Supporting young researchers and students,
- Prediction, prevention and access to care in remote communities, including indigenous communities.

In fact, in the first year, we were able to advance some innovative projects such as VITUES-HF, HOPPE-HF, MAPLE-CHEF, the iHeartCheer program, and many others. We worked to support the enrichment of existing cohorts such as the CAHMM and the CLSA. We launched grant competitions and partnered with CANTRAIN to support the career development of the CHF Alliance trainees and early career investigators. Finally, the Patient Engagement team developed many tools to engage patient partners and support researchers in patient engagement.

Thanks to everyone's commitment and the many collaborations, we can say that the first year of our network has been a success, and we are confident that the second year will be as well.

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