

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. In this issue, we will continue our overview of the CHF Alliance teams, themes, and projects. This time, we will present you the **Indigenous health and wellness team and the training and capacity theme**.

We would like to remind you that the deadline to apply for the **Indigenous Awards Competition** is Friday, April 28, 2023, so do not miss your chance to receive funding. We also remind you that the **Early career Investigator grants competition** is still open. Visit our website for more information.

There are specific opportunities with the CHF Alliance that support our members, but do not forget the other funding opportunities from our partners: **Manitoba grant, ACT RFA 2, and the CCSA** (National Institutes of Health). Our members, **Indigenous Health and Wellness committee (IHC)** advised us that they will probably extend the deadline for applications until the end of May. For the ACT RFA 2, the CHF Alliance can only endorse 3 projects, so please be sure to send us a 2-page description of your project by May 15, 2023, for internal peer review.

Finally, we would like to remind you that **May 1-7, 2023, is Heart Failure Awareness Week, and that it's not normal to be breathless**. Please make sure to make some noise on your social media to spread the word.

Maryse, Leslie, Jean, and Marc



From left to right: Jean-Pierre Gagnon, Richard Gauthier, Susan MacKinnon, Marie-Anne Bernier, Jean-François Roy, Jean-François Roy, Louise Gauthier, Elizabeth McKeown, Marc St-Laurent, Malcolm Mackin, Marie-Anne Bernier, Louise Gauthier, Philip Joseph, Maryse Deschamps, John Porter, Richard Gagnon.

**ACT Consortium in-person meeting**

Several members of the CHF Alliance attended the in-person meeting of the ACT Consortium. The goal of the consortium is centered with each other, but not necessarily in the same way.

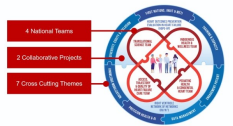
Most teams gave a presentation on patient partnership and the achievements of the patient engagement team in the network. As always, there was lots of networking and we had an opportunity to have lunch and catch up with each other.

We were happy to meet some of you there and can't wait to see you in Toronto on May 11, 2023.



**Meet the CHF Alliance teams, themes and projects**

The CHF Alliance is structured around 4 national teams, 7 cross-cutting themes and 2 collaborative projects. In this issue of the BEAT, we proudly introduce the Indigenous health and wellness team and the training and capacity theme. The remaining teams and themes will be introduced in future newsletters. In the meantime, you can visit our [website](#) to learn more about them.



**The Indigenous Health and Wellness team**

This team, co-led by Dr. Alexandra King, a member of the Nipissing First Nation, and by Dr. Malcolm King, a member of Montserrat of the Credit River Nation, both at the University of Saskatchewan, focuses on improving the prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment of HF in Indigenous people living in Indigenous communities.

The team identified key priorities that may ultimately lead to clinical development:

- **Develop a cohort** of Indigenous patients living with HF in Indigenous communities
- **Improve access to care** for patients diagnosed with HF in Indigenous communities

In the meantime, the CHF Alliance will help to complete the **OHHC** and **breakthrough panel of the CAPHE** First Nation cohort.

- **This work is closely linked with the HF iPEIC**, which serves as a guiding guide to the network on matters of contextualization and adaptation, and on ongoing Indigenous ways of knowing and doing research.



**The Training and Capacity Theme**

This theme is led by Dr. John Porter, a cardiologist from the University of Toronto. This theme aims to implement various programs to support training within the network, including an education training program, research support program, and a mentoring program.

In 2022, the theme has developed the **Training Alliance Committee** and the **Early Career Investigator Grant Competition**. It supports CHF Alliance trainees and young investigators. They also created discussions to collaborate with **CANTRAKS** to provide a valuable training program on clinical trial development and conduct. In addition, the Training and Capacity theme will host a **workshop** around the CHF Alliance theme on the training of May 11, 2023.

In order to identify the needs of the network and establish an appropriate educational training program.

Finally, the training team is also keen to develop a mentoring program to help trainees to make good choices and to be able to help them make the right decisions for their future.

