

**MHRC General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday September 9, 2015 – 2:00pm Lumbers Rm. 306**

Attendance: Dr. D. Hood, Dr. R. Ceddia, Dr. R. Tsushima, Dr. M. Riddell, Dr. C. Perry, Dr. A. Belcastro, Mr. L. Tryon, Mrs. E. Mandel, Dr. Jennifer Teague

Absentees: Dr. M. Connor, Dr. O. Birot, Dr. E. Roudier, Dr. T. Haas, Dr. A. Scime, Dr. W. Gage, Dr. J. Kuk

**MHAD6 Stats**

- DH provided an overview of the total funds spent and received from MHAD6 – first time MHAD has ever made a profit
- DH suggests that we start earlier next year in terms of recruiting sponsors for MHAD7
- DH asks membership for thoughts for improvement for MHAD7
  - MC suggests a change in food supplier, and a movement away from Orange Snail
  - MC suggests a return to LSB, and the use of the campus' internal catering service; would allow people to also eat at LSB and encourage greater interactions between faculty/students/sponsors
- DH asks for any input on potential speakers for MHAD7 – names previously suggested include Martin Gibala (McMaster), Amira Klip (Sick Kids), Chris Ellis (Western??), Dan Moore (McMaster)
  - CP suggests looking into CSEP speakers, which could be dually incorporated into MHRC Seminar Speaker Series or MHAD7 lineup
- DH announces tentative MHAD7 date as Friday May 27, 2016

**Speakers for the Fall**

- Joseph Miano, University of Rochester, Friday October 2, 2015
- Roger Fielding, Tufts University, Friday October 23, 2015
- Keith Baar, UC Davis, Friday November 6, 2015
  - No conflict with KAHS seminar dates

**Advanced Certificate in Exercise and Muscle Health (HLLN)**

- DH put up website on projector
- CP was curious as to whether we could advertise these courses as something which could count towards a “professional credit” for kinesiologists, physiotherapists
  - Need to incentivize this certificate
  - CP wonders if there would be any way to tie these courses into opportunities with Toronto Public Health (TPH – Yonge and Sheppard)
- AB suggests that CATA (Canadian Athletic Therapists Association) as a potential target for advertisement
  - Lorri Anne Hines (?) as a contact

### **MHRC Graduate Student Fellowship Award Winners**

- DH announced award winners – Matthew Triolo (Connor) and Avigail Erlich (Hood)

### **Bioengineering Symposium being organized in November (Paulina Karwowska-Desaulnier)**

- DH says there is no firm date on this, but he will be giving a talk to a group of engineers to talk about and advertise the work/research goals of the MHRC
- AB suggests perhaps a discussion with Andrew Eckert (?) (Engineering) would be fruitful
  - He is currently collaborating with Dr. Gage
  - Worth investigating how they began their collaboration and what channels they've gone through to establish their connection

### **Common CV help: Liam is available**

- DH suggests that anyone who may need assistance filling out their Canada CCV if they are preparing a grant are free to contact him or LT to assist in doing this

### **Cheryl Giblon – Industry partner email forwarded to the group**

- DH reiterates the October 7 event is worthwhile to attend
  - Will provide valuable insight into how to establish and foster university/industry partnerships

### **Contracts/Fellowships: Direct through the MHRC to get revenue back**

- DH reminds all that any contracts/fellowships that membership may have can and should be signed by him instead of the Faculty of Health, in order to bring money back into the MHRC
  - This can occur without any extra cost/effort from the investigator with the contract/fellowship
- RT informs that NSERC Engage program is perfect for this

### **CFI resubmission deadlines**

- DH says that sustainability of what has been proposed in the grant is the largest concern of the reviewers; changes to this will be addressed in the (possible) resubmission of this grant
  - DH says changes to improve this grant include the hiring of more technical help/personnel and more funds directed towards to sustaining and maintaining the equipment/infrastructure requested
- DH says that October 2, 2015 is the date by which the MHRC will find out if it is eligible to resubmit the grant
- DH says that March 2016 will be the due date if we are going to resubmit

### **Copenhagen Muscle School (Chris Perry)**

- CP says that the Copenhagen event hosted ~80 total participants (60 graduate students + 20 researchers/faculty)
- CP says the event is a “hybrid” of talks and workshops

- Over the course of 5 days, the first two days are dedicated to invited talks/lectures on pertinent mitochondrial topics; the next three days are split into workshops (in the morning) and more focused/directed talks/seminars (in the afternoon)
- Interwoven into these 5 days are social events to promote student-faculty and student-student interactions
- CP says total cost of the event is estimated at 60,000€
  - Institution hosting the vent paid for the registration of all of their own students attending the event
  - Highest external costs for the event were the airfare/travel for the international students attending
- CP says sponsorships were in place, but didn't amount to a lot of money
- CP says market for this type of event (in North America) is NOT saturated, and it would be worthwhile to pursue
- JT suggests that hosting a similar “muscle school” could be very beneficial and could fit in perfectly with the NSERC CREATE Grant

### **CFREF → CREATE workshop (Jennifer Teague)**

- JT described CREATE grant – it supports training of graduate students and post-docs; things involved in the grant need to have a “training individuals for the Canadian workforce” angle to it
- DH described his experience at Amway – cross-country/international video conferences to share workshops/seminars/demonstration vieos
- MC brings up idea of “leasing” equipment from companies; would allow students to be trained on novel/highly specialized equipment
  - Dual purpose of training students, but also can serve as a platform for the company to advertise their own software/hardware
  - DH agrees – suggest Aurora Scientific would be a good target for this
- JT also says that international exchange students can count towards the CREATE grant funding; will cover funding for our students to travel internationally, but will not support international students studying here
  - Internal NOI (Feb 2016)
  - External NOI (May 1 2016)
  - Complete application (if invited; Sept 2016)
- Membership present (MC, RT, DH, RC, CP) agree that the CREATE grant would be very valuable to pursue
  - DH will get the executive committee together to discuss this further once ideas have been drafted

### **Summary of Action Items**

#### **DH**

- Continue to find speakers for MHAD7
- Seek alternate methods through which we can advertise Advanced Certificate in Exercise and Muscle Health
- Continue to improve/edit CFI grant (hiring of more technical help/personnel and more funds directed towards to sustaining and maintaining the equipment/infrastructure )