

# **National Alliance of Provincial Health Research Organizations (NAPHRO)**

## **HIGHLIGHTS October 28, 2010**

- Dr. Beaudet, President of the Canadian Institute for Health Research (CIHR), provided an update on progress on the development of a number of initiatives including the Strategy on Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR). He described the steering committee process to develop initiatives further.
- Dr. Beaudet also described CIHR's approach on the international initiative on Alzheimer's disease and highlighted the involvement of CIHR on the public discussions on Multiple Sclerosis over the last few months.
- Members of NAPHRO shared their interest and developing engagement with CASRAi and the Cochrane collaborations.
- Representatives were also selected to bring NAPHRO perspectives on various working and steering groups. In particular, Krista Connell (Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation) will be the NAPHRO representative on the SPOR steering committee as well as the Population Health Intervention Research Initiative for Canada (PHIRIC) Working Group.
- Jacques Magnan (Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions) will develop a proposal to support a more permanent Secretariat for NAPHRO to provide continuity in terms of general support of the activity.
- The next NAPHRO meeting will take place in the Spring of 2011 in New Brunswick.