As President of the Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation, I am delighted to announce three appointments to the Board of Directors of the Foundation. Dr. Ron Bodkin PhD is a professor of economics from the University of Ottawa and serves as the public representative to the Foundation. Dr. David Brunarski DC is a current Director on the Ontario Chiropractic Association Board and has assumed the position of Chair, Fund Allocation at the CCRF. Dr. Eric Jackson, a CCA governor has been appointed to the Foundation and will Chair the Fund Raising Committee at the CCRF. The Foundation welcomes these three dedicated advocates and looks forward to their leadership.

Some of the ongoing activities and events in research that are currently on our radar screen include the following:

- The Edmonton Chiropractic Society 2nd Annual Backs in Action Run/Walk has once again raised $5000 for the Foundation. These funds will be matched with CIHR funds to support the university based integration initiatives that bring credibility and trust to the profession. Congratulations to the entire Society and the 150 participants who took part despite the rainy weather.

- The Rodin Law firm/Calgary Chiropractic Society 2nd Annual golf tournament once again has raised $20,000 in support of the Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation. Congratulations to Dr. Jeff Koep, Dr. Robert Clarke, Dr. Rajiv Laroiya and entire Society and especially the Rodin Law firm.

- Dr. Greg Kawchuk DC, PhD has been nominated for a Canada Research Chair at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta. Another highly significant milestone in chiropractic research! This is one of only 2000 Chairs offered to world-class researchers in Canada. Dr. Kawchuk is currently Canada’s 1st university-based Chiropractic Research Chair at the University of Calgary supported by the Canadian Chiropractic Association, Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

- Dr. Mark Erwin DC, our next university-based Chiropractic Research Chair is set to defend his PhD thesis in December. He is at the University of Toronto working with researchers like Dr. Rob Inman and Dr. Jane Aubin on trophic factors produced by notochord cells that up-regulate genes in chondrocytes. This novel research relates to degenerative disc disease. A patent application is being facilitated by the University Health Network and the Canadian Arthritis Network. The Ontario Chiropractic Association in partnership with the CIHR and CCRF is funding this vitally important research.

- The CCRF is exploring all avenues related to establishing a 3rd university based Chiropractic Research Chair at a university in the Maritimes. If you would like to support this initiative contact Dr. Allan Gotlib. We need to raise some serious dollars. All donations are tax deductible.

- Dr. David Cassidy DC, PhD now in Toronto, has been appointed as a senior scientist in the Division of Outcomes and Population Health at the Toronto Western Hospital Research Institute and as the new endowed Chair in Artists’ Health within the University of Toronto’s Health Network as of September 1, 2003. Dr.
Cassidy is a professor of epidemiology in the Department of Public Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

- Dr. Alan Bernstein, President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research has invited Dr. Allan Gotlib to sit on the CIHR President’s Voluntary Sector Committee. The committee members include the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke, Health Charities Council of Canada, Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, CIHR Vice-President Sonya Corkum, and four CIHR Scientific Directors, Dr. Cy Frank, Dr. Rod McInnes, Dr. Bruce McManus, Dr. Remi Quirion. The first meeting was held in November in Ottawa.

- The CCRF has again partnered with the CIHR in the next competition cycle to support a Fellowship Award. We are anxiously awaiting the results.

- Dr. Jean Boucher PhD is planning the next Chiropractic Research Symposium for the Consortium of Chiropractic Research Centers. A Call for Abstracts will be out shortly. Mark your calendars for September 18, 2004 in Montreal.
The Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation (CCRF) continues to increase both the quantity and quality of chiropractic research within Canada. Some of our current initiatives are focused substantially on increasing our research capacity by establishing a university-based Chiropractic Research Chair in each province and we view this as critically necessary to advance the knowledge base of our profession.

The Foundation has been supported by the many organizations such as the Canadian Chiropractic Association, Canadian Chiropractic Protective Association, British Columbia College of Chiropractors, College of Chiropractors of Alberta, Chiropractors’ Association of Saskatchewan, Manitoba Chiropractors’ Association, New Brunswick Chiropractors’ Association, College of Chiropractors of Ontario, Ontario Chiropractic Association, Canadian Chiropractic Examining Board, Fondation chiropratique du Québec, CIHR and our dedicated research community many of whom are active members of the Foundation.

Recently, Dr. Jan Kempe and Dr. Mark Erwin both became gold members at the Foundation with $1000 donations and I want to personally thank them for their remarkable commitment to our university-based Chair program. We want to repeat this 300 times over so that we can continue to create and fund a Chiropractic Research Chair in each province. I am very thankful for the tremendous support from all of our organizations and chiropractors.

Please join us if you are not a Foundation member yet. You may even direct your support to specifically funding a Chiropractic Research Chair in your province if you wish. Your tax-deductible gift and/or membership is vital and will help us determine the projects we are able to support in 2004.

Thank-you to all for your support.

Dr. Rob Allaby DC  
President, Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation

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