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CDRD conference focuses on how discoveries can lead to new medicines

Register Now for CDRD's Inaugural Drug Research and Development Conference

CDRD has announced that its [inaugural conference](#) "Charting a Course to Commercialization" will take place on June 8-9, 2009 on the UBC Campus. This unique conference will focus on how academic life sciences discoveries can lead to new drugs to treat human diseases. You are invited to attend and hear more about the following:

- Leading edge science in BC's research institutions that is leading to new therapeutics
- How BC's scientists are using CDRD's expertise and infrastructure to help advance their research and increase the likelihood that their discoveries will lead to new medicines.
- The state-of-the-art equipment available to you at CDRD research institutes at UBC, SFU and the BC Cancer Agency

BC Scientists Drs. Keith Humphries, Charles Thompson, John Schrader, Stephen Withers, Michael Hayden, Robert Young, David Vocadlo and Helen M. Burt will talk about how they are advancing their drug development projects.

You will also hear from a slate of internationally renowned [keynote speakers](#) who will share their insights and experience in various aspects of the drug discovery and development process.

Health sciences researchers all want the discoveries made in their laboratories to lead to benefits for society. However this is much more easily said than done because it requires a large interdisciplinary effort to bring a potential new drug to the point where it can be tested in people. Most scientists do not have access to the resources required and therefore cannot pursue the potential of their discoveries. The sole purpose of CDRD is to provide the expertise and equipment to help individual scientists in BC explore the therapeutic potential of their research. The CDRD infrastructure provides resources in all aspects of drug research and development, from target identification and drug screening, through chemical synthesis and scale-up, to the latest techniques in drug delivery and in vivo testing, to imaging in animal models of disease.

For more information on the conference go to cdrd.ca/conference

Pieter Cullis

Pfizer provides CDRD with an additional \$2 million

More funds for selected CDRD projects

In February, Pfizer Canada increased its initial \$1 million commitment to the Pfizer-CDRD Innovation Fund by another \$2 million. Similar to last year, projects considered for funding will be selected from the growing list of approved CDRD projects. All projects put forward for support will be evaluated by an expert panel that will assess the commercial and therapeutic potential of the project opportunity, the quality of the plan, expected outcomes and how additional funds will add value.

The purpose of the Pfizer-CDRD Innovation fund is to fast-track the commercialization of promising research from CDRD affiliated institutions. The fund now totals \$3 million.

Only CDRD approved projects are eligible for funding. If you have a CDRD approved project and are interested in Pfizer-CDRD funding you should speak to your project Champion. If you do not have a CDRD approved project and/or are not a CDRD member you can either sign up as a [CDRD member](#) and register your project into the database or contact the Project Development Team directly at projects@cdrd.ca to discuss your project further.

For more information please go to: <http://www.cdrd.ca/funding/pfizer-fund.html>

CDRD Announces Pfizer-CDRD Innovation Fund Recipients

Nine CDRD scientific opportunities receive funding

The Pfizer-CDRD fund is providing \$787,000 in funding to support nine scientific opportunities which focus on indentifying and developing therapeutucs in the areas of cancer, diabetic wound healing, antimicrobials and Huntington disease.

To see what projects were selected to move forward with Pfizer-CDRD innovation funds, click [here](#).