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## Dietitians Recognized for Contributions to Advancing Knowledge in Food and Nutrition Research

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Seven dietitians and their teams have been recognized for their important contribution to advancing knowledge in food and nutrition research. In this year's grant competition, sponsored by the Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research, \$80,000 was awarded for practice-based dietetic research.

The projects funded for the 2002 competition will investigate a wide spectrum of topics important in the prevention and treatment of nutrition-related illnesses.

CFDR extends congratulations to all those who participated in the 2002 competition.

For further information on these awards and other CFDR funded research visit the web-site for the Canadian Inventory of Nutrition and Dietetic Associated Research (CINDAR) [www.dietitians.ca/cfdrresearch/index.html](http://www.dietitians.ca/cfdrresearch/index.html)

Doryne Peace, President, says, "Board members are pleased with the results of this year's competition. The questions put forward by these research proposals reflect the growth and sophistication of our profession. The outcome of these and other CFDR funded research makes a valuable contribution to strengthening the foundation of the dietetic profession."

CFDR has been awarding grants to support practice-based research since 1993. The numbers and size of grants has steadily increased, with more than 50 research proposals having been funded by CFDR.

Research funded by CFDR has been used to develop nutrition communications, programs and contributed to the development of public policy. Nutrition research provides the knowledge so nutrition policies, programming and advice/messages can be based on sound science. Dietitians are the recognized trusted source of nutrition advice.

## Conference Delegates Support CFDR

At the DC conference in Saint John the Kitchen Party social event attracted 200 delegates who were entertained by a local Maritime group playing music that kept them hopping while bidding on gifts on the Silent Auction tables. With over 30 wonderful gifts being donated by conference sponsors the bidding was fast and furious resulting in \$3,000 being raised for CFDR. One of the highlights that resulted in some very competitive bidding were two items autographed by Therese Brisson, member of the Canadian Women's Olympic Gold Medal Team.

## **2003 Competition to Award \$110,000**

At the recent DC annual meeting in Saint John, New Brunswick, Nancy Schwartz, Vice-President of the Foundation announced that the CFDR Board is making available \$110,000 for the 2003 competition.

## **Multi-site Competition**

The Board of Directors recognizing the success of the 2000 Multi-site competition is again offering \$50,000 to focus on the knowledge, attitudes and beliefs of dietitians. In conducting the research the successful team will focus on involving dietitians at all levels in research activities to encourage involvement in the research process.

## **Regular Grant Competition**

The Regular Grant Competition will comprise the remaining \$60,000 and will be made up of grants of up to \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Along with awarding grants CFDR supports dietitians in their research endeavours through the availability of the Canadian Inventory of Nutrition and Dietetic Associated Research (CINDAR) and by providing workshops designed to encourage participation in research.

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## **DC Members Hold Golf Tournament and Raise Funds for Research**

At the end of May a hardy group of dietitians in Winnipeg sported winter-wear golf gear and braved inclement weather to play their 7th annual golf tournament to raise funds for CFDR. Their hardiness was rewarded and despite the snow and cold all participants had an enjoyable time.

At the recent DC annual meeting in Saint John, New Brunswick, local dietitians hosted their first golf tournament to raise money for the Foundation. The tournament held at a local golf course was well attended and all participants enjoyed a cool and damp, but fun-filled afternoon. We look forward to this event becoming an annual event.

Many thanks to Shirley Layne (Winnipeg) and Anne Marie MacKinnon (Saint John) and their colleagues for organizing these events. Not only did they raise funds, but also helped to increase awareness of the Foundation. Each event contributed \$1000 to the Foundation.

## **Enthusiastic Response to CFDR's Inaugural Corporate Golf Challenge**

Response to participate in CFDR's inaugural Corporate Golf Challenge has been enthusiastic. With a few foursomes available the event is sure to be a success. To guarantee your team a spot or inquire about sponsorship opportunities contact Georgette Harris at 416 642 0310 email [gharris@dietitians.ca](mailto:gharris@dietitians.ca) or Susan Morgan, Manager of the Foundation at 416-642-9307 or [smorgan\\_cfdr@dietitians.ca](mailto:smorgan_cfdr@dietitians.ca).

Mark this date in your calendar and come out to support the Foundation!

