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Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research Announces New Board Leadership

Toronto – November 27, 2014 – The Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research (CFDR) today announced that a new Chair and Board of Directors was elected to lead the Foundation in support of their vision: *Enhancing the health of Canadians by contributing new knowledge about food and nutrition*. CFDR is a registered charitable foundation that provides grants for research in dietetics and nutrition. Created by Dietitians of Canada, the Foundation’s research ensures that Dietitians can provide science-based guidance that helps Canadians eat well.

“The Foundation has funded over \$2 million in research since its inception 23 years ago - nutrition research that combats or alleviates disease, enhances dietetic practice, and answers questions that those concerned with the food agenda in Canada can use to enhance nutritional health for all Canadians,” says newly elected Chair Laurie Curry, RD, MS, MBA.

Laurie was recently named by the Canadian Board Diversity Council’s *2014 Diversity 50*, as one of the top 50 diverse, qualified candidates ready for corporate board of director appointments in Canada. Her success draws on two decades of providing strategic leadership to the food and consumer packaged goods industry and through directorship on not-for-profit boards. She is looking forward to leading the Board of skilled professionals with diverse backgrounds in nutrition, sales, marketing, academia, health care and more.

The 2014-2015 Board members elected are:

- **Chair: Laurie Curry, RD, MS, MBA**, LKC Strategist
- **Chair Elect: Andrea Dunn Davis, MSc**, Nutrition Strategy Manager, Campbell Company of Canada
- **Vice Chair – Research: Rhona Hanning, PhD, RD, FDC**, Professor, School of Public Health and Health Systems, University of Waterloo
- **Joanne Bridle, RD**, District Manager, Healthcare, Sodexo Canada
- **Joanne Gallagher, RD**, Assistant Director, Nutrition, Dairy Farmers of Canada
- **Sarah Hewko, RD, MHA**, Doctoral Student, University of Alberta
- **Barb Ledermann, RD, MSc**, Senior Nutrition and Health Manager, Unilever Canada
- **Alison McLean, RD**, Vice President, Nestlé Health Science
- **Marsha Sharp, MSc, RD**, Chief Executive Officer, Dietitians of Canada
- **Shaunda Durance-Tod, MSc, RD**, CanolaInfo Manager, Canola Council of Canada

“CFDR works with companies, associations, commodity groups, and Dietitians of Canada - all of whom are committed to good nutrition in Canada – to ensure that research projects aimed at enhancing the nutritional health of Canadians are funded,” says Curry. “Our tagline – *Together Advancing Nutrition* – clearly articulates our vision.”

At a Research Showcase event just prior to the Election of Directors CFDR-funded researcher Christina Lengyel PhD, RD, Associate Professor, University of Manitoba, profiled her upcoming research project focusing on a key group of health-aware Canadians: boomers. Findings from this research “Perceptions of Body Image and Food Choices Among Rural and Urban Baby Boomer Women,” will follow other previously completed projects funded by CFDR including important and timely topics such sodium, functional foods and nutrition labeling.

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About the Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research

The Canadian Foundation for Dietetic Research was created in 1991 by Dietitians of Canada to support applied nutrition and dietetic practice research. Thanks to the generous support of corporate donors and individual members of Dietitians of Canada, CFDR has awarded research grants annually since 1993. To date, CFDR has funded more than 100 research teams across the country, awarding more than \$2,000,000 in grants. The CFDR research program supports the Foundation’s vision: *Enhancing the health of Canadians by contributing new knowledge about food and nutrition.*

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