On behalf of the Minister of Health, the Parliamentary Secretary Kamal Khera, RN, welcomed attendees to the 19th Annual Professional Conference and Annual Meetings of the Canadian Diabetes Association (CDA) and the Canadian Society of Endocrinology and Metabolism (CSEM) held in Ottawa, October 27-29, 2016. Ms. Khera highlighted the importance of national research networks in chronic kidney disease and in diabetes and related complications that were recently funded by CIHR and partners through the Strategy on Patient Oriented Research (SPOR).

Together with the CDA, CIHR-INMD sponsored a symposium entitled “Bariatric Care Research in Perspective” which highlighted the progress of three national research teams funded through the CIHR-INMD Bariatric Care Team Grants. The symposium also included a presentation by Dr. Anita Courcoulas (Univ. Pittsburgh), who is active in clinical outcomes research and led the NIH/NIDDK-sponsored Longitudinal Assessment of Bariatric Surgery and several other related ancillary studies that are evaluating various outcomes following weight loss surgery. She spoke about future prospects for advances in bariatric care, with a focus on identifying predictors of individual responses to bariatric surgery and mechanisms underlying the acute and the long-term impacts of various surgical procedures, such as the durability of diabetes remission.

I wish to congratulate the CDA-CIHR INMD Young Scientist Award recipient, Jim Johnson (featured in this newsletter) and Dr. Lawrence A. Leiter (St. Michael’s Hospital, Univ. Toronto) who was honoured with both the 2016 CDA Lifetime Achievement Award and the 2016 CSEM-Dr. Robert Volpe Distinguished Service Award.

Congratulations, Jim and Larry!

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