

A Message from the CCTCC Executive Committee: Transition Period

In mid-September, the Steering Committee of the [Canadian Clinical Trials Coordinating Center \(CCTCC\)](#), which comprises the Presidents of the funding partner organizations (Dr. Alain Beaudet, [CIHR](#); Mr. Bill Tholl, [HealthCareCAN](#); Mr. Russell Williams, [Rx&D](#)) accepted Belinda Vandersluis' resignation as Director of Implementation, which came into on November 30, 2015.

Both the Presidents and the Executive Committee of the CCTCC have been assessing the strategic direction of CCTCC and have begun the process of replacing the Director of Implementation. In the interim, it is essential that the spirit and progress that has been achieved to date by the CCTCC be maintained and fostered.

At such a critical time in the existence of the CCTCC, success depends on all current activities advancing in a continued coordinated fashion. To help ensure this success, Elena Aminkova, from Rx&D, has accepted the CCTCC's offer to assume an interim role with project management responsibilities under the direction of the Executive Committee. Having utilized her project management skills in making the [Canadian Clinical Trial Asset Map](#) the success it is, Elena will again draw on these skills to enable the sponsors, provinces, and all stakeholders involved with the CCTCC to continue their collaborative efforts to drive forward the established goals.

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank Belinda for her success in the initial two years of implementing the CCTCC and setting up the necessary organizational infrastructure to support the ongoing work to strengthen the clinical trials landscape in Canada. We also extend our best wishes to Elena in her new role. And, we will keep all our partners and stakeholders apprised of the details of a search for a new Director of Implementation as soon as they are available.

CCTCC Executive Committee

Dr. Jane Aubin, CIHR and Chair of the CCTCC Executive Committee

Dr. Shurjeel Choudhri, Rx&D

Dr. Duncan Stewart, HealthCareCAN

Dr. Lawrence Korngut, CCTCC Advisory Committee Chair