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## President's Message

Hours into my new role as CAREB-ACCER's President, I had an opportunity to share my thoughts about my upcoming term and to reflect on Canada's research ethics landscape. As this new academic year begins, I am excited about engaging with CAREB-ACCER members to address key issues in the field of human participant research ethics. We will continue to advance research ethics discourse related to pressing topics such as data management, artificial intelligence technologies, and cannabis research.

We believe that CAREB-ACCER's role is to represent our members on key issues touching the research ethics community at a national level, participate in policy discussions, establish guidance documents, offer training to our members, and provide them with networking opportunities. As such, we are committed to pursuing a number of activities, including:

- delivering additional training materials for REB members and managers,
- increasing communications and engagement with the membership,
- implementing an REB directory,
- launching the CAREB-ACCER Administrators and Practitioners Certification Program, and
- continuing to deliver high-quality conferences.

I am continuously inspired and encouraged by those working in the research ethics community. This includes CAREB-ACCER members and its Board, the Secretariat on Responsible Conduct of Research, the Tri-Agencies and other groups. Our collective goal to improve research ethics review can be accomplished by ensuring our guidelines and processes adapt as the world around us changes.

There are many people who are highly dedicated to this work and I believe their efforts have led to better research and better protections for participants. Current and past members of the CAREB-ACCER Board of Directors are definitely among the most dedicated people to this cause. I look forward to working with the new Board, as well as current members, and our many partners, to continue this trend.

Catherine Paquet  
CAREB-ACCER, President

**CAREB-ACCER Welcomes New Board**

## Members

The CAREB-ACCER Board of Directors is pleased to welcome two new members - Simon Hobeila and Michel Bergeron.

### **Simon Hobeila**

Simon Hobeila is a research ethics advisor at University of Montreal since 2006, specializing in the humanities and social sciences sector. Over the past ten years, he co-authored and taught online research ethics courses, delivered lectures on bioethics and served as an REB member and Chair in Quebec. He firmly believes in the power of discussion, raising awareness, and outreach to bridge gaps - both real and imagined - between researchers and REBs. Simon is always looking for opportunities to exchange views and ideas with his peers and we are grateful that he finds CAREB-ACCER the perfect forum to advance collective reflection.

### **Michel Bergeron**

Michel Bergeron has significantly contributed to the research ethics and REB structure at local, provincial, and national levels. Michel has been a member of the Polytechnique Montréal's REB since 2015, chair of Collège La Cité's REB, Ottawa, since 2017, member of the Quebec's Commission in the ethics of science and technology since 2017 and Associate Professor of the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, Public Health School of Université de Montréal since May 2018. At the national level, Michel served as a member of the Panel on Research Ethics where he contributed to writing the 2010 and 2014 versions of the TCPS2.

## 2018 CAREB-ACCER National Conference Overview

Advances in the fields of genetics, artificial intelligence, and stem cell research are occurring at a rapid pace and continue to pose new questions and challenges for those in the research ethics field. This was one of the key subject areas that speakers and participants explored at the CAREB-ACCER 2018 National Conference and Annual General Meeting, held April 27 and 28 in Montreal. Underlying many of the presentations was a sense of urgency that innovations are happening faster than our assessment of, and response to, their implications.

Central to the conference offerings was the nature and scope of research participant protection, a key issue being researchers' perception of participant "vulnerability" and "capacity." Determining the extent to which people from certain communities should participate in research without violating their rights, exploiting them or putting them at further risk is often a tough call for Research Ethics Boards (REBs) to make, especially given the REBs' protective mandate.

Presenters [slides](#) can be found on the 2018 Montreal conference webpage.

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## **Open Call to Join the Circle of Experts and Social Media Working Group**

CAREB-ACCER's Communications Committee is looking for CAREB-ACCER members who want to join our social-media working group. Members will play a key role in contributing to the association's social media platforms. If you are interested, please send an expression of interest to [memberservices@careb-accer.org](mailto:memberservices@careb-accer.org)

We are also looking for individuals with a range of expertise to join the CAREB-ACCER Circle of Experts. Members will assist in the development and delivery of educational opportunities. Expertise may be academic or practical and may include areas such as privacy, consent, REB administration or management, medical research, socio-behavioural research and others. Candidates do not need to hold academic positions at their home institutions to be considered. If you are interested in joining the Circle of Experts complete the application form located on the [website](#).

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## **Deadline Extended for the Consultations on the Tri-Agency Research Data Management Draft Policy**

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) have developed a draft *Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy*, which aims to support

Canadian research excellence by fostering sound digital data management and data stewardship practices.

The draft policy includes suggested requirements related to three primary areas:

1. Institutional data management strategies
2. Researcher data management plans
3. Data deposit

The agencies have also developed a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) resource, which includes information about data management, background on Tri-agency research data management policy development, and guidance on complying with the proposed requirements.

The agencies have invited institutions, associations, organizations and individuals to comment on the draft policy and its usefulness in advancing data management practices in Canada. This feedback will inform the final design of the policy, which the Agencies plan to launch in 2019.

The feedback period will run until **September 30, 2018**.

[Read the draft \*Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy\* and FAQ](#)

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## **2019 CAREB-ACCER National Conference and Annual General Meeting**

***Save the date!***

April 10-12, 2019

Winnipeg, Manitoba

What would you love to hear about, learn or share with your colleagues at the national conference? Your suggestions will be used to ensure the conference program is based on your needs.

Send us your suggestions and recommendations by answering these [few questions](#).

The Conference Planning Committee wants to hear from you. Help us make this one of the best [CAREB-ACCER conferences](#) to date!

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## Let's Stay Connected!

Join the conversations happening on CAREB-ACCER's [Forum](#). This is where our online community provides REB members and research ethics professionals with a collaborative and supportive environment to ask questions, and share knowledge. Become part of the national conversation about issues concerning professional practice, regulatory matters and policies related to human participant research.

The CAREB-ACCER [Linkedin](#) group is growing and we encourage you to join us. Share academic and media items pertaining to research ethics with your colleagues.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Employment Opportunities

If you or someone you know is looking for a job in human research ethics, be sure to check out the [available positions](#) posted on the CAREB-ACCER website.

If you have a job opening that could interest a CAREB-ACCER member and would like to have it posted, send an email to [memberservices@careb-acc.org](mailto:memberservices@careb-acc.org) with the subject line "Job Posting" or, use the CAREB-ACCER [contact](#) page. Please make sure to include a job title & description, an application deadline, and contact information.

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