

2019 INRICH Business discussion

1- INRICH-BMJ agreement proposal

- a. Brief outline of agreement – Nick [legal document from BMJ previously circulated];
- b. Advantages for INRICH – prestigious journal; open access; fee reduction; INRICH featured on BMJ sites; no obligation on members to publish exclusively in BMJPO;
- c. Proposal to empower Nick & Louise to sign.

2- INRICH-ISSOP Memorandum of understanding

- a. Why have an MOU with ISSOP?
- b. Advantages for INRICH – wider recognition; potential role as research ‘wing’ of ISSOP; ISSOP as knowledge users of INRICH research;

3- INRICH-Quebec Observatory of Inequalities - University of Montreal

- a. Can be a partner for diffusion of our research results;
 - i. 5 to 10 striking facts about Poverty/low SES and children health to circulate;
 - ii. 5 striking findings from the workshop to circulate;
 - iii. Main findings from the EPOCH study to circulate.
- b. INRICH members can use their blog for discussion; they might format the text we send;
- c. Proposal to empower Louise & Nick to sign.

4- Other linkages for INRICH: We are looking for:

- a. A more official association of INRICH with the School of Public Health of the Université de Montréal;
- b. A formal association with the Montreal Public Health Direction.

5- Budget:

- a. We received funding for this meeting from Toronto university and from Université de Montréal to cover some expenses of the workshop. Support for this meeting was also provided jointly by the Centre de recherche Léa-Roback and the CIHR-funded MUSE Project. As there are very few other funding possibilities for which we are eligible, we were unable to get funding from other organisations.
- b. A large part of the budget comes from the registration fees. They are higher than earlier years since they include the membership fees for researchers as was decided last year. The membership fees (\$CAD 250,00/168 Euros/ \$US 191,00/147 GBP) should cover Lucie’s annual salary.

- c. This year we did not ask for a specific amount to cover the INRICH dinner.
 - i. Proposal about asking for an additional contribution to cover the INRICH dinner next year.

6- INRICH membership criteria:

- a. Suggestion from people of the Early Childhood Observatory/Observatoire des tout-petits to have a membership section for knowledge users like them. Note that this Observatory is linked with the Fondation Chagnon who funded us last year.

Do we agree on that?

7- INRICH and climate change: discussion on Karl Gauffin suggestions for action: see his e-mail that was circulated.

Suggested list of actions:

- a. **Theme for INRICH meeting 2020: Child Health Inequalities and the Climate Crisis**

In a statement from last year, the [WHO wrote](#) that the climate crisis will cause approximately 250,000 additional deaths per year between 2030-2050, which many consider to be a [conservative estimate](#). Children, particularly children in poor countries, will be disproportionately affected by the adverse effects of the climate crisis. The catastrophe in [Beira, Mozambique](#) is a recent and devastating example. Based on this, it would be very interesting to learn more about ongoing research in this area. Is anyone working on this or adjacent topics? Is there an interest in the INRICH community for this kind of research? How can we accomplish this, and what kind of partners would we need to seek out?

- b. **Join a global call for action**

In an open letter for researchers to sign and send to our employers – the universities, we demand that universities, in their capacity as producers and protectors of knowledge and science, but also as major societal institutions, take radical action to address climate change. This translates as a demand to cut their own emissions of greenhouse gases by 50% in 5 years. It is up to every participating university to develop strategies on how to reach this goal, but we suggest five main areas of action: (i) Flying, (ii) Food, (iii) Car commuting, (iv) Energy use, (v) Capital investments. The letter is currently drafted and I attach a version to this email.

- c. **Investigate the possibility of meetings via video link**

I am the first person to attest to the fact that in-person meeting is preferable. It is easier to engage with one another when meeting face to face, in a common location and time zone. The INRICH seminars, discussions,

breaks, and dinners are incredibly valuable, and would be difficult to replace. However, I still suggest that we investigate the possibility to find alternatives to meetings that require us to use resources that we simply do not have. Surely, there is infrastructure in place that could allow for meetings over video link.

8- Update on Sharon suggestion for a special publication of INRICH results in the Journal of Environment and Public Health.

9- The **Survey Monkey**:

- a. Last year we had 16 answers to the Survey Monkey with very good comments.
 - i. Overall the INRICH workshop was rated as excellent or very good.
 - ii. The quality of research presented, and the diverse range of speaker topics were especially appreciated.
 - iii. More presentations by juniors are asked for.

b. The **2019 Survey Monkey**:

- i. As you know your answers are important to us when we look for funding. We hope to receive more answers this year.
- ii. Your comments and suggestions are important for us to better plan the upcoming workshops and the future of INRICH

10- **The 2020 INRICH workshop** will be held in Rotterdam hosted by Hein Raat on June 4 and 5, 2020.