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As you can see we had a great turn-out for the AGM even though the weather was frigid in Ottawa.

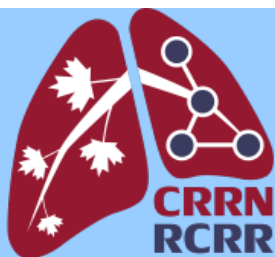
The 2 day event was packed full of presentations and there was lots of time for collaboration.

All 8 pilot project recipients attended and provided us with an overview of what their planned project is all about. These projects are very exciting and link with many of our platforms.

The Stakeholder Advisory Committee met on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The committee chair, Dr. Marc Rodgers, and committee members provided us with great feedback and a written report. Their report stated that they are very impressed with our overall progress thus far. The Committee congratulated the CRRN executive and our network members for the tremendous work to date.



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[www.respiratoryresearchnetwork.ca](http://www.respiratoryresearchnetwork.ca)



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## Scientific Steering Committee Members:

Don Sin

Andrea Gershon

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Chris Carlsen

Grace Parraga

Jean Bourbeau

Mohsen Sadatsafavi

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\*\*plus the Executive Committee



## 2014 Fellowship Recipient:

**Dr. Kristian Larsen** - *Predicting the relationship between air pollution and climatic conditions on future rates of asthma and COPD in Ontario* (supervisor: Dr. To).

## 2014 Studentship Recipients:

**Sarah Svenningsen** - *Imaging Biomarkers of Airways Disease in Severe Asthma* (supervisor: Dr. Parraga).

**Aruni Jha** - *Effects of statins and Rho Kinase inhibitors on airway inflammation, responsiveness and remodeling in a murine model of allergic asthma* (supervisor: Dr. Halayko).

## 2015 Emerging Research Leader Initiative Recipients:

**Michelle Kho** - *CYCLE: Critical care cycling to improve lower extremity strength in mechanically ventilated patients.*

**Jordan Guenette** - *Mechanisms of dyspnea and exercise intolerance in patients with chronic respiratory diseases.*

**Mohsen Sadatsafavi** - *Respiratory evaluation sciences program: enabling evidence-informed decision making in respiratory medicine.*

**Meghan Azad** - *Developmental origins of asthma: role of breastfeeding, milk composition, and maternal factors.*

**COMING  
SOON!**

**Results of the SPOR letter of intent will be available after March 31, 2015**

**Next CRRN Steering Committee Conference Call:**

**To be scheduled in April 2015.**