

## SUMMARY OF APRIL 15, 2016 THINK TANK OUTCOMES

On Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>, WCRG hosted the first Cancer Research Think Tank in partnership with the University of Windsor's Office of Research and Innovation Services. **The objective of the Think Tank is to present and discuss 3 cancer research topics of interest and identify collaborative teams that can work together to bring these projects forward for funding.**

**Number of participants:** 30

**Institutions Represented:** University of Windsor, Windsor Regional Hospital, Cross Border Institute, ITOS Oncology, Wayne State University and Henry Ford Health System.

**Disciplinary Backgrounds:** Biological Sciences, Nursing, Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics, Human Kinetics, Psychology, Engineering and Physics.

### Think Tank Outcomes

**Outcome #1:** Lisa Porter, WCRG Translational Research Director provided an overview of the Agenda, shared information on upcoming funding opportunities and outlined the organization structure of the Think Tanks.

**Outcome #2:** Project leaders presented 3 potential application ideas for future submission. Following the presentations, participants moved into the three working groups, introduced themselves and discussed project ideas for upcoming rounds of funding. Specific proposed projects included:

- Cardiotoxicity prevention  
Presenter: Cheri McGowan, PhD, Faculty of Human Kinetics, UWindsor
- Prostate Cancer Biomarkers  
Presenter: Dora Cavallo-Medved, PhD, Biological Sciences, UWindsor
- Stress and Stem Cells  
Presenter: Lisa Porter, PhD, Biological Sciences, UWindsor

**Outcome #3:** Project leads were identified for each proposed project and participants expressed their interest to be included on specific project teams.

**Outcome #4:** Moving forward, each Think Tank will provide an opportunity for project leads in selected areas to present a brief overview of their general research topic. Projects will be selected based on the results of previous Think Tanks. Several ideas were proposed for future Think Tanks.

Participants were asked to provide feedback on the Think Tank. The feedback summary indicates that participants thought the goals of the Think Tank were achieved. In particular, they appreciated the opportunity to network and meet future collaborators. Thank you to all participants of the first WCRG Cancer Think Tank! Stay tuned to hear more about the successes!

If you are interested in learning more about the research topics discussed at this Think Tank or have a research topic idea you would like to present and discuss at the next Think Tank, please contact Karen Metcalfe at [karenmet@uwindsor.ca](mailto:karenmet@uwindsor.ca)