

## SUMMARY OF OCOBTER 14, 2016 THINK TANK OUTCOMES

On Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>, WCRG hosted the third Cancer Research Think Tank. **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:** 28

**Institutions Represented:** University of Windsor, Windsor Regional Hospital, Cross Border Institute, GLIER, ITOS Oncology and St. Clair College.

**Disciplinary Backgrounds:** Biological Sciences, Nursing, Psychology, Human Kinetics, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Medical Oncology, Geospatial Learning and Engineering.

### Think Tank Outcomes

**Goal #1:** Lisa Porter, WCRG Translational Research Director opened the Think Tank by welcoming all attendees. She provided an overview of the Agenda, shared information on upcoming funding opportunities, reminded participants about the comprehensive list of funding opportunities that can be found on the WCRG website and highlighted successes from previous Think Tank. She announced to attendees that a summary of all Think Tank results can now be found on the [WCRG website](#).

**Goal #2:** Project leaders presented 3 potential project ideas for future submission, which included:

- Fruit Flies and Cancer  
Presenter: Andrew Swan, PhD, Biological Sciences, UWindsor
- Immunotherapy  
Presenter: John Trant, PhD, Chemistry and Biochemistry, UWindsor
- Cancer Clinical Databases  
Presenter: Caroline Hamm, MD, Windsor Regional Hospital

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

**Goal #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. We will track ideas that emerge and re-visit at 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 and that participants found the opportunity to collaborate very useful. In particular, they appreciated the opportunity to network and interact with researchers with diverse backgrounds.

Thank you to Think Tank participants for their on-going commitment to building collaborative research in our region. Sincere appreciation to **Ingrid Qemo, Bre-Anne Fifield** and **Rosa Ferraiuolo** for their brilliant note taking; knowledge capture is a key component of the Think Tank success. And thank you to our WCRG Volunteers **Amy Basilious** and **Dalton Ruel** for ensuring registration went smoothly and the day was captured in pictures. We couldn't have done it without you!

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)