

# Welcome Speech

## The History and Scope of the Canadian Alliance for Regional Risk Factor Surveillance (CARRFS)

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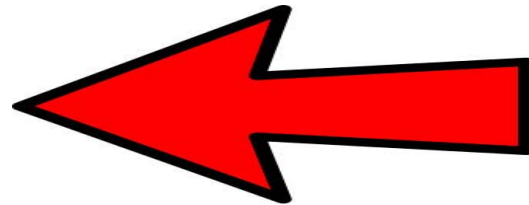
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**C** Canadian

**A** Alliance for

**R** Regional



**R** Risk

**F** Factor

**S** Surveillance

# National to Regional/Local



National surveillance is often well developed and well supported

What about regional/local surveillance?

Local surveillance is also important

Local surveillance is where the actions are



# History of CARRFS

- **2007** Public Health Agency of Canada, Ontario Ministry of Health, Cancer Care Ontario set up a Think Tank Forum Planning Committee.
- **2008** Think Tank Forum, Toronto. 108 participants.
- **2008** CARRFS was created. 180 members. Five working groups (Communications, Environmental Scan, Symposium Planning, Membership and Publicity, National Writing Group to writing up the results of the 2008 Think Tank Forum).

# 2008 CARRFS Executives



# History of CARRFS

- **2009** The 1st CARRFS Symposium, Toronto.
- **2009** Presentations on the CARRFS experience at conferences in Winnipeg (CPHA), Atlanta (US CDC), Beijing (China CDC), Argentina (AMNET).
- **2009** 250 members
- **2010** 500 members
- **2011** Newsletters, training workshops, webinars, CARRFS official website with members' community for information exchange, questions and discussion



# History of CARRFS

- **2014** Journal Publication: Choi B et al, 2014. Enhancing capacity for risk factor surveillance at the regional/local level: A follow-up review of the findings of the Canadian Think Tank Forum after 4 years. Archives of Public Health;72:2-12.
- **2016** CARRFS Innovation Summit, Toronto. New vision and mission statements for the new CARRFS.

# 2016 CARRFS Executives



# 2008 CARRFs

## Mission

- To build and strengthen the capacity for regional/local risk factor surveillance in Canada

## Vision

- There is sustainable and effective regional/local collection, analysis, interpretation and use of risk factor data to inform program and policy decisions in Canada

# 2016 CARRFS





## Mission

- We provide the platform to strengthen an innovative pan-Canadian health surveillance community

## Vision

- Timely and quality surveillance of health determinants informs policies and practices across Canada

# Change in Scope after 2016 Innovation Summit

2008	2016	Change
		New logo
<p>“Building surveillance capacity at local/regional level” (contributing to preserving the current status)</p>	<p>“Surveillance innovation” (contributing to moving ahead to the future)</p>	More forward looking
<p>Focus on "local health units" level</p>	<p>Also include "federal, provincial and territorial"</p>	More inclusive
<p>Focus on "risk factor (behaviours)"</p>	<p>“Health determinants” (risk factors, socioeconomic and environmental factors)</p>	Broader scope
<p>Sole-source funding (by one organization)</p>	<p>Multi-source funding model</p>	Better funding

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**CARRFS History ... continues ... to be ... in the making**

# WELCOME

Canadian Alliance for Regional Risk Factor  
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