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BC Occupational and Environmental Health Research Network

where we've been...
where we're going...

working to make BC a national leader in
occupational and environmental health research

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A brief history...

- 2004:
 - March: MSFHR Network program announced
 - Interim co-leaders:
 - Henry Harder, Kay Teschke, Craig Stephen
 - environmental scan, preliminary list of EOH researchers
 - province-wide consultations – proposal developed / submitted
- 2005:
 - funding approved (funds held at UNBC)
 - Scientific Director, Craig Stephen
 - Associate Scientific Director - Henry Harder
 - Executive Director hired - Pat Atherton
 - Oct: 1st round of research capacity development awards
 - Nov: inaugural general meeting, SD: Susan Kennedy



BCEOHRN: Vision



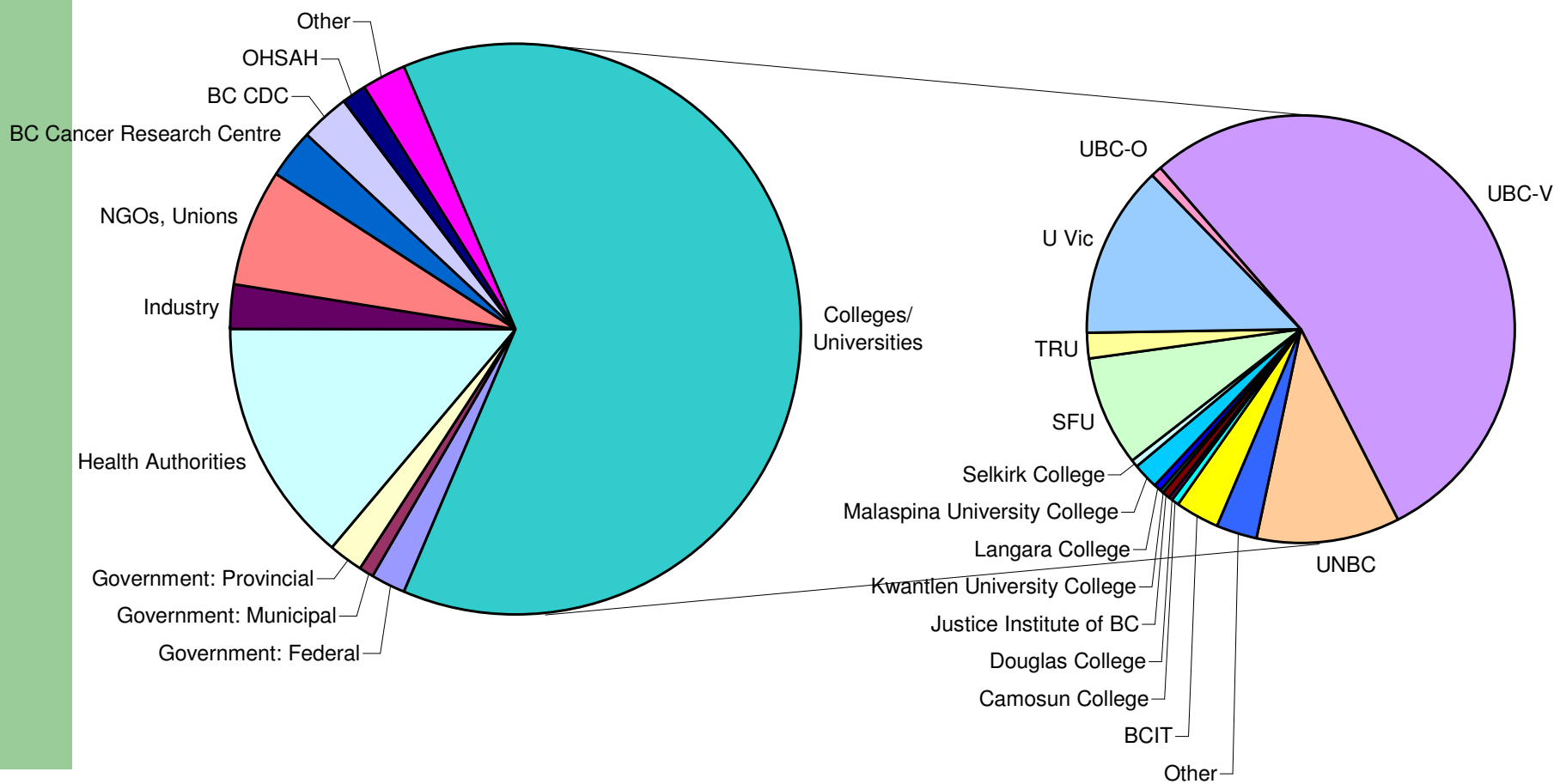
- ... a network of innovative **research** teams conducting world-class research intended to improve the health of people affected by occupational and environmental risks, who interact with communities so that research results are used to effect change.
- ... a truly provincial network that creates new efficiencies, partnerships and opportunities that will make BC a magnet for training, attracting and retaining top quality researchers.

BCEOHRN Mission



- increase **knowledge** among researchers of **common resources, common questions and shared opportunities**;
- help researchers and research users **navigate** the environmental and occupational health community in BC to facilitate **efficient access to information and capabilities**; *and*
- assist in attracting and maintaining a vibrant occupational and environmental health research community in BC by **supporting training, research development, and communications**

BCEOHRN People: >350 members



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- **Research trainees (target 3):**
 - **Melissa Friesen**, UBC
 - **Gabrielle McHugh**, UNBC
 - **Carla MacLean**, UVic
 - **Eleanor Setton**, UVic

What we've been doing – overview

Supporting access to researchers and resources

- Who's doing what, where databases

Supporting networking

- travel support - informal connections/meetings

Supporting trainees, new investigators

- peer to peer support / mentorship program
- research capacity development program – support for investigators

Communications

- website – events, jobs, grant deadlines...
- biweekly 'updates' to membership
- support for web based and face to face seminars, workshops



What we've been doing - detail

- Databases: Who's doing what, where?
- Peers helping peers / mentoring
 - GIS, injury, water research groups
- Research capacity development
 - to help new research teams successfully compete for national and international research funds

Plans for coming year

- Continued support for
 - “access to researchers / resources” databases
 - research capacity development
 - networking and mentoring activities
- Enhanced communication (additional staff support)
- Increase support for Knowledge Translation initiatives – spring workshop

? BCEOHRN response to CIHR draft policy

Finances – to Mar 2007

	Jan05–Mar06	Apr06–Mar07
	Actual	Actual + projected
Core salaries	\$106,755	\$114,960
Operating costs	\$16,916	\$15,821
Database support		\$84,515
AGM, science exchange	\$11,511	\$18,385
Workshops	\$5,000	\$10,000
Research capacity development	\$89,453	\$20,000
Total expenses	\$229,635	\$263,681

Finances – next year's budget (2 options)

	Apr07–Mar08	Apr07–Mar08
Budget	\$250,000	\$500,000
Core salaries	\$116,600	\$206,200
Operating costs	\$21,800	\$21,800
Database support	\$20,000	\$68,000
AGM, science exchanges	\$16,500	\$37,400
Workshops	\$22,600	\$46,600
Res. cap development	\$30,000	\$60,000
Grant facilitation, networking	\$22,500	\$60,000

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 - **Shannon Wagner**, UNBC
 - **Hugh Davies**, UBC – nominated
 - **Tim Takaro**, SFU – nominated
 - ?? additional nominees
- **Research trainees (target 3):**
 - **Eleanor Setton**, Student, UVic
 - **Gabrielle McHugh**, Student, UNBC
 - **Carla MacLean**, Student, U vic
 - ?? additional nominee



Scientific exchange, posters, networking