

MEMORANDUM

TO: All NCIC CTG Disease Site Chairs

FROM: Dr. Ralph Meyer, Director

DATE: July 6, 2009

RE: Cancellation of the 2009 Fall Meeting
(*Fall Meeting of Committees, October 17-18, 2009/
Hilton Montreal Airport Hotel, Montreal*)

After much discussion, we have determined that from a Central Office perspective, it is important for us to cancel the 2009 Fall meeting. Cancellation of the Fall meeting has also been done in some previous years when our NCIC grant has been due. The grant deadline for the CCSRI 2009 – 2010 submission/Site Visit is Monday November 2, 2009. In order to complete the work for this grant submission, it is necessary for us to free up faculty and staff from the work that normally goes into preparing for the Fall meeting.

There will be activities associated with the Fall meeting for which we will find other options. These will include review and approval of new proposals. In addition, we can prepare to consider using some of the resources normally put aside for the Fall meeting for specific site committee strategic sessions as these relate to the grant – some of these have already occurred. Finally, the resources will be used to support the preparation, rehearsal, and commitments associated with the Site Visit.

I appreciate your understanding in our making this decision. Please let me know of any issues that arise for your committee as a result of this cancellation. We will keep you posted on how activities normally associated with the meeting will go forward.

Yours sincerely,



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