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**Message on the Amalgamation from the Chairs and Co-chairs of CSIH and CCGHR**

Joint Communiqué

April 8, 2021

It is our pleasure to provide you with an update on the steps underway following the unanimous membership vote of approval on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2021 for the terms of the amalgamation between CSIH and CCGHR to create the **Canadian Association for Global Health**. Following 18 months of regular meetings and due diligence, the amalgamation process reached another milestone. We thank our members for their vote of confidence – a vote that marked a significant moment in the history of both organizations, as well as the future direction of global health in Canada.

The **Amalgamation Agreement** approved by the membership was formally submitted to Corporations Canada on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Once signed by the Director of Corporations Canada, it will become the **Articles of Amalgamation** that set the legal parameters for CAGH-ACSM.

The Articles of Amalgamation will then be submitted to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for its blessing of CAGH as a charitable organization.

A **Transition Committee** composed of 3 members of each organization plus 3 additional members, is working steadily to undertake the next phase of preparatory tasks towards a smooth transition for the amalgamation, scheduled to take place on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. A number of smaller working groups have been created within the Transition Committee to develop the preliminary **strategic directions** based upon the mandate, to refine the Board **Policies**, develop a preliminary **2-year budget** using existing known funding, and create a **branding and communications** strategy for the new organization. **Fund raising** will also be a priority.

We want to thank our members and staff of both organizations for their time and engagement in helping to make this initiative a reality. As we move forward with this process, we will continue to keep our members updated on our progress towards amalgamation. Next steps include:

- Submitting our application for amalgamation to Canada Revenue Agency following approval by Corporations Canada
- Growing the membership
- Preparing a 2-year budget and strategic directions as a basis for a strategic plan
- Striking a Nomination Committee to prepare for the elections of new directors to the Inaugural Board
- Conducting our First Annual General Meeting (AGM) of CAGH (Oct 2021)

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