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To: **Tom Monath, MD**

Subject: Fw: PRO/AH Announcements (04): New 'One Health' website launched

Tom,

I'm not certain if I have your appropriate e-mail address but I wanted to drop a line to say how pleased I am to see your name associated with the 'One Health ' Initiative. We have a strong interest in Canada in going in that direction. I recently attended a 'One Health' workshop at an APEC meeting in Lima, Peru (sponsored by Canada) at which I was asked to describe Canada's response to West Nile virus within a 'One Health' framework. Our discussions were of interest but did point out that 'One Health' seems to adequately cover the human and animal components but an environmental perspective seems to be missing from some of the discussions.

Our current government has a strong interest in the Canadian North. It is anticipated that a Canadian High Arctic Research Station will be built up north and we are looking at different models that might include satellite labs. Investment up north will address physical sciences but the health portfolio also expects considerable investment in this initiative. It would appear that a type of 'One Health' strategy, the key component of which is to forge appropriate partnerships between divergent groups such as First Nation representatives, hunters, health units, etc. would be a very applicable model to apply to the north.

I will be following developments as captured on the 'One Health' website with great interest.

Best regards,

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