The CRA, the Mexican College of Rheumatology (MCR), and the Pan-American League Against Rheumatism (PANLAR) are in the preliminary stages of investigating a possible joint scientific meeting. The proposed date and location is Cancún in the spring of 2018. Further details will follow in upcoming issues of CRAJ.

For the past four years, investigators from the CRA and MCR have met annually to facilitate the development of collaborative research initiatives. The CRA and MCR have now given approval, in principle, to the establishment of a conjoint research fund. The purpose of this fund would be to fund research with the goal of fostering and strengthening the partnership between the CRA and the MCR, as well as rheumatology research collaborations between investigators in Canada and Mexico who are members of the CRA or MCR. Formal terms of reference are in the process of being established between our two organizations. Members with an interest in collaborative research are encouraged to begin thinking of proposals. More information will follow on the CRA website and in CRAJ as this endeavour proceeds.

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