

## CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (interim form)

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Before completing the disclosure from below, please review the following **definitions**, adapted from the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), as an orientation to sensitize us as to what types of information we are each being asked to disclose.

### **Definitions applicable and limited to your personal experience over the past 5 years**

**Entity:** Government agency, foundation, commercial sponsor, academic institution, non-governmental organization (NGO), labor union, or any such organization whose self-interest could in any way influence us as scientists engaged in research or practice in the public interest.

**Grant or contract:** Money paid or donated from an entity, generally [but not always] paid to you or your employing entity.

**Financial/Personal Fees:** Monies paid to you – directly or indirectly – for services rendered, generally including, for example, honoraria, royalties, stipends, fees for consulting, lectures, speakers' bureaus, expert testimony, and any employment or activity in the service of an entity having a special interest that is not clearly congruent with the public interest. (Note: "indirectly" refers to monies paid to your employing institution, but for which you have access consistent with institutional spending constraints).

**Non-Financial (In-Kind) Support:** Examples include any quantity of drugs or equipment supplied by the entity, travel paid by the entity, writing assistance, voluntary board positions, and administrative support.

**Other:** Anything at all that is not covered in your declaration under the above categories of "grant or contract", "financial/personal fees" or "non-financial (in-kind) support" but that could be an actual COI, or be perceived by others as a COI.

**Royalties:** Funds coming in to you or your entity related to your books, patents, or the like.

**My answers below are in blue font**

**Name in full:**

(First, middle initial, last): **Eduardo L. Franco**

**Current occupation**, if employed; or, "retired": **Professor and Chair, Department of Oncology, McGill University, Montreal, Canada**

**If currently employed:**

Name of primary employing entity: **McGill University**

Name of secondary employing entity, if applicable: **none**

**Whether currently employed or not:**

Primary professional affiliation taking up most of your volunteer time: **I presume what is meant here is membership in societies. If so, these are the ones with which I am affiliated: International Epidemiological Association, Society for Epidemiologic Research, Canadian Society for Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Royal Society of Canada, Canadian Academy of the Health Sciences, American Association for Cancer Research, International Papillomavirus Society, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, Association des Épidémiologistes de Langue Française, Society of Gynecologic Oncologists of Canada**

Secondary such affiliation, if applicable: none

**OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, OR OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT IF NOW RETIRED:**

Primary professional employment focus: Research, teaching, mentorship, scholarly service, and administration.

Secondary professional employment focus, if applicable: Mostly as pro-bono work but with remuneration to cover costs, I edit a major medical journal, *Preventive Medicine* and a smaller one, *Preventive Medicine Reports*. I also serve in editorial boards of several other journals, some of which pay me an honorarium based on work performed (see below).

Tertiary professional employment focus, if applicable: none

I represent the following organization on the IJPC-SE (acronym, or “none”): International Epidemiological Association (IEA) as the Primary representative

**Please include below, and elaborate where needed, all actual conflicting interests, including financial, consultant, institutional and other relationships that might lead or has led to bias or a conflict-of-interest, or that reasonably might create a perception of bias or a conflict-of-interest by your peers or the public. If there are none, please state “None” alongside each item “a” through “e” below. *If in doubt, rather err on the side of providing more information as this will minimize the need for follow-up.***

**With the above definitions in mind relating to my employer and/or volunteer entities, those entities from which I have accepted grants/contracts, salaries/stipends/honoraria/royalties, both monetarily and in-kind, and anything else like personal relationships that could actually introduce, or be perceived to introduce bias into my decision-making, I disclose the following information covering the 5-year period since January 1, 2010:**

a) **Financial relationships:** As far as money paid to me directly, my primary financial relationship is with my employer, McGill University, which provides me with a comfortable annual six-figure salary (Canadian dollars) as full professor, departmental chair, and division director. I also receive a significant (5-figure fee) stipend from Elsevier as editor of two journals: *Preventive Medicine* and *Preventive Medicine Reports*, a good portion of which is used to compensate my editorial staff. I have also occasionally received honoraria (4-figure) to serve as advisor to studies conducted by companies involved with human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination (Merck and GSK), HPV diagnostics (Roche, BD, Qiagen, Gen-Probe), and economics of cervical cancer prevention (Innovus, Scimetrika, Cornerstone). I have occasionally served in advisory committees that compensate members with small (3-figure) honoraria (University of Michigan, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital). I have also received small (3-4 figure) honoraria for scientific review work I conducted (Academy of Finland’s Biomedical Program, Qatar National Research Fund, U.S. National Institutes of Health, *The Lancet*, *eLife*, *Journal of Epidemiology and Global Health*).

b) **Consultant relationships:** I have consulted for many different organizations via in-kind work (the remunerated ones are listed above) that was only compensated via reimbursement of expenses actually incurred by me: World Health Organization, International Agency for Research on Cancer, Centers for Disease Control, Public Health Agency of Canada, Canadian Partnership Against Cancer, African Collaborative Center for Microbiome and Genomics Research, Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica

(Mexico), European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals, National Public Health Institute (Finland), Ministère de la Santé et Services Sociaux (Quebec, Canada), American Cancer Society, President's Cancer Panel (USA), Grounds for Health (USA), American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology, Turkish Ministry of Health.

c) **Institutional relationships:** None

d) **Other relationships:** My institution has received 3 unconditional grants (~CAD 1.2M) from Merck in partial support of publicly-funded research that I conceived and initiated. My entire research program has been funded (~CAD 40M) by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), US National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute of Canada, Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute, Fonds de la Recherche en Santé du Québec. I have also received the following salary awards (the money was paid to my university to defray their expenses in paying my salary): CIHR Distinguished Scientist, FRSQ Chercheur National, James McGill Chair, Minda de Gunzburg Endowed Chair.

e) **Any additional information:** I advocate against guns and tobacco. I also firmly believe that experienced scientists should view the opportunity to advise industry as a duty and a privilege that their opinion may come to shape the quality of new technologies to be brought to the public. It is highly improbable that a pharmaceutical or biotechnology company could obtain the same wealth of knowledge and insights from a lay advisory board and that would be detrimental to the public. Scientists who feel that others perceive their opinions as tainted because of their record as advisors to industry should not fear to reveal to the community that there is duty and distinction in that role and that medicine and public health are all the better for it.

**If in my service to the IJPC-SE I should ever find myself in a conflict-of-interest, actual or perceived, I will declare it and offer to recuse myself from all circumstances that could in any way influence Board deliberations as per the Founding Bylaws (Article V, Section 2).**

**Please type your signature here:** Eduardo Franco

**Enter Today's date (month/day/year) here:** February 20, 2015