



## Coming Soon CAHS Website

We are developing a new CAHS website. Our goals are to have:

- 1) a home page that will be attractive and inform viewers about who we are and what we do;
- 2) Provide a user-friendly system that will be simple to navigate and use.
- 3) An interactive site, into which you can login to easily contribute ideas for new forums, assessments and initiatives.

When we launch the new website you will be informed and we will seek your feedback.

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## Heroes Walk Among Us!

Four of the 6 new inductees into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame are Fellows in the Academy. They are being honored in this way for their contributions to better health in Canada and the world. Our congratulations go to:

Albert Aguayo OC, FCAHS  
John Bienenstock CM, FCAHS  
Allan Ronald OC, FCAHS  
D. Lorne Tyrrell OC, FCAHS

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## Annual Fellowship Dues

The annual fellowship dues process will be managed through the CCA this year and shortly you will receive an electronic request from [finance@cahs](mailto:finance@cahs). Payments this year will be invited through a secure, web-based, link (Paypal) accessed through the Academy's new website.

## President's Message

The Board of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) is pleased to announce a change in the location and provision of our secretariat. The Council of Canadian Academies (CCA) now hosts our secretariat and is providing all of our financial and office-related administrative services. We are most grateful that Allison Hardisty remains as our part-time administrative assistant and she works closely with the staff at CCA. We also wish to thank the CCA for their willingness to provide assessment administrative and project management services including the publishing of reports. This is an important step forward for the CAHS in enabling better support and service for our members.



Dr. Catharine Whiteside

The 2011 Annual General Meeting & Forum entitled "Smarter Caring for a Healthier Canada: Embracing System Innovation" will be held on **September 15 and 16**, at the Chateau Laurier Hotel, in Ottawa. I wish to thank the Forum organizing committee members for their very hard work that has led to a most outstanding venue. The committee included Carol Herbert, Bartha Knoppers, Noni MacDonald, Wayne Martin and Robyn Tamblyn. At the dinner we will induct 45 new Fellows and celebrate our 2011 Distinguished Fellow, Stephen Lewis (see biosketch below) for his unique and remarkable contributions to global health. May I invite all of you to register now to attend all the events – To register now click [here](#).

The strategic planning of the Board has led to a number of new directions that we will present at the AGM. These include the development and launch of a new website, improved engagement of our Fellows in the activities of the CAHS and the planning of the annual Forum as a prelude to a major assessment. Improved communication with and among our Fellows about the work of the CAHS and potential opportunities for involvement in addressing some of the key issues related to health in Canada is a priority. To this end, a new Communications Committee, chaired by Dr. Jocelyn Feine, has been launched.

Many thanks to our Fellows serving on the Board, the standing committees and the assessment panels. We appreciate your time and effort on behalf of the CAHS. I look forward to greeting you at the AGM and Forum in September.

Yours sincerely

Catharine I. Whiteside  
President, CAHS





## 2011 Distinguished Fellow - Stephen Lewis

Stephen Lewis, former Ontario MPP and diplomat, is an international champion for social justice and improved health of populations in developing nations across the globe. He is the board chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation ([www.stephenlewisfoundation.org](http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org)), which is dedicated to turning the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa, and he is co-founder and co-director of AIDS-Free World in the United States.

Mr. Lewis is a member of the Board of Directors of the Clinton Health Access Initiative and the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. He also serves as a Commissioner on the newly formed Global Commission on HIV and the Law, created by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) with the support of the Joint United Nations Programme of HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

His work with the United Nations has spanned more than two decades. He was the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa from June 2001 until the end of 2006. From 1995 to 1999, Mr. Lewis was Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF at the organization's global headquarters in New York. From 1984 through 1988, he was Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations.

From 1970-1978, Mr. Lewis was leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, during which time he became leader of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Lewis is the author of the best-selling book, *Race Against Time*, the content of the Massey Lectures in 2005 addressing the Millennium Development Goals. He holds 32 honorary degrees from Canadian universities and in June 2010 he received an honorary degree from Dartmouth College in the United States. In 2003, he was inducted as a Companion of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest honour for lifetime achievement.

He was awarded the Pearson Peace Medal in 2004 by the United Nations Association in Canada; the award celebrates outstanding achievement in the field of international service and understanding. In 2007, King Letsie III, monarch of the Kingdom of Lesotho (a small mountainous country in Southern Africa) invested Mr. Lewis as Knight Commander of the Most Dignified Order of Moshoeshoe. The order is named for the founder of Lesotho; the knighthood is the country's highest honour.



Stephen Lewis

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## CAHS Annual General Meeting and Forum

### SMARTER CARING FOR A HEALTHIER CANADA: EMBRACING SYSTEM INNOVATION

The Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, like the IOM in the U.S., is positioned to provide advice to government on thorny health issues of the day. There is no more pressing health issue than the Canadian healthcare system. As our Federal government turns attention to the forthcoming 2014 Health Accord and the critical federal-provincial decisions that will have to be made, it is essential that solutions are found for the ongoing problems of equity, efficiency and sustainability of healthcare.

Our 2011 CAHS Forum program, entitled Smarter Caring for a Healthier Canada: Embracing System Innovation will be solutions-focused. This event will not be just one more recitation of all the problems that make our healthcare system unsustainable - we have all attended too many such meetings. Instead we will discuss innovations that can truly change how the system operates and how care is experienced by Canadians. We will seriously consider what is needed to transform the Canadian healthcare system, including the critical importance of research and evaluation. We will be informed by reports that have been written about the healthcare system - but we will not be constrained by them. We are committed that the Forum will be the first step towards a full CAHS Assessment on the structure and function of the Canadian healthcare system.

An opening address by Brian R. Golden on disruptive innovation, entitled *(Re)Aligning the stars: Design thinking for health system innovation*, will be followed by panels on Equity, Efficiency, Sustainability and Community with speakers offering the differing perspectives of health professionals; health care institutions; government; citizens; and business thinkers (continued next page)



## CAHS Annual General Meeting and Forum:

### SMARTER CARING FOR A HEALTHIER CANADA: EMBRACING SYSTEM INNOVATION - CONTINUED

to challenge all of us to think differently. Jeff Turnbull, President of the Canadian Medical Association, in his closing address will challenge Fellows to continue to work toward constructive change by adopting principles and strategic directions for a new healthcare system for Canada. Finally, Cathy Whiteside will lead us in planning next steps for the Academy that will ensure impact of the work we have done during the Forum as we move towards a formal Assessment.

At this CAHS Forum, the Community panel will model the Citizens' Jury process. Chaired by Andre Picard, health columnist of the Globe and Mail, panelists will comment on what they have heard about disruptive innovation, equity, efficiency and sustainability and how they see the ideas and examples impacting on citizens who receive care from the health care system.

"The Citizens Jury process is a tool that allows decision-makers and the public to hear thoughtful citizen input. The great advantage of the process is that it yields citizen input from a group that is both informed about an issue and a microcosm of the public... The Citizens Jury process also allows decision-makers and the public to discover what people really think once they have heard witnesses and taken a close look at a topic."

To view the definition of the Citizen Jury process from The Jefferson Center, [click here](#).

Throughout the day, we will incorporate the results of the thoughtful responses that we received from many of you with respect to challenges and opportunities for change in our healthcare system. There will also be lots of opportunity for dialogue with our panelists in the discussion periods. We will create a written record of the presentations and discussions to ensure that we capture the ideas for change that we know will come from the group. But for a successful Forum, we need the ideas and opinions of our Fellows. Please register today. To register now [click here](#).

Carol P. Herbert  
Chair,  
2011 CAHS Forum Planning Committee

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## CCA launches Animal Health Risk Assessment

The Council of Canadian Academies will launch the Approaches to Animal Health Risk Assessment report in September 2011. The report by the Expert Panel on Approaches to Animal Health Risk Assessment, chaired by Dr. Alastair Cribb, will cover topics such as best practices in approaches to risk assessment, prioritization of risk assessments, and integration of animal-human health research. For more information visit: [www.scienceadvice.ca](http://www.scienceadvice.ca).