



NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

The Canadian Academy of Health Sciences is now accepting nominations for Fellows and the deadline for submissions is Friday, March 23, 2012.

Nominations will be adjudicated by the Fellowship Committee in April 2012. New Fellows will be inducted into the Academy at the dinner ceremony on Thursday, September 20, 2012 during the Annual General Meeting, at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa.

Fellows elected to the Academy will be health and biomedical science leaders who are well recognized by their peers nationally and internationally for their contributions to the promotion of health science. They will have demonstrated leadership, creativity, distinctive competencies and commitment to advance academic health sciences.

Individuals are elected to the organization after a nominating and peer review procedure, which seeks to recognize those who have a demonstrated track record of academic achievement. The review places considerable emphasis on established, internationally recognized, impact leadership that has meaningfully advanced academic health sciences.

Nomination forms may be found on our website at:
<http://www.caahs-acss.ca/nominations/>

President's Message

Holiday greetings to our Fellows and their families. We have just finished a very successful year. The Global Health Assessment entitled "Canadians Making a Difference" was done in record time and launched very successfully. Our thanks to Dr. Peter Singer, who so ably led this project.

The New Year promises to be an exciting one for CAHS. We are undertaking a new major assessment entitled "Future of Healthcare in Canada" with Drs. Jeff Turnbull and Sioban Nelson co-chairing the expert panel. Dr. Dale Dauphinee, who will assume the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee from Dr. John Cairns in January 2012, will be working closely with Jeff and Sioban. Your suggestions as to panel members and your ideas about innovative practices will help the panel. There are other assessments that are currently underway and in our Spring newsletter we will update you on these.

Our 2012 annual meeting will be held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa on Thursday and Friday, September 20 and 21 - please put the dates in your calendar and, more importantly, plan to attend the meeting! We are planning a new format next year - extending the event to include the traditional assessment forum on day 1, a reduced AGM on the morning of day 2 followed by a series of interdisciplinary presentations focused on "what's hot". A request for proposals will be announced shortly and three exciting interdisciplinary presentations will be selected that include a minimum of three disciples from different sites across Canada. Also, we will induct a Distinguished Fellow again this year and welcome your input into who might receive this honor.

On your behalf, I would like to thank Dr. Catharine Whiteside for her extraordinary leadership as President from 2009-2011. Special thanks also to Drs. Bartha Knoppers, Mary Law and Noni MacDonald who, having served the board well, stepped down at the end of September. Finally, Dr. Robert Sindelar, our new Secretary, has put a lot of thought and effort into this newsletter - let us know what you think.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Marrie



Dr. Thomas J. Marrie

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2011 Distinguished Fellow: Stephen Lewis

Distinguished Fellow is the highest honour awarded by the Academy. It is open to individuals who must meet the usual criteria for Fellowship, but whose accomplishments are considered of such high distinction that only a select few are worthy of this designation. Usually, no more than one Distinguished Fellow will be elected in any given year, and there can be no more than 10 Distinguished Fellows at any time.

Mr. Stephen Lewis, former Ontario MPP and diplomat, is an international champion for social justice and improved health of populations in the developing nations across the globe. He is a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Ryerson University in Toronto. He is the board chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, 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.



Stephen Lewis

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). Stephen Lewis' work with the United Nations 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 34 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.

Congratulations to two Fellows inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (2011):

The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame (CMHF) was established in 1994 with the mission focused on celebrating Canada's medical heroes of the past and present. The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame laureates are Canadian citizens, living and posthumous, whose outstanding contributions to medicine and the health sciences have led to extraordinary improvements in human health. Their work may be a single meritorious contribution or a lifetime of superior accomplishments. Pioneers in their field, they are considered role models who inspire young Canadians to pursue careers in the health sciences. For more information: <http://www.cdnmedhall.org/induction>

Dr. John Dirks CM (1933 -) Category for Induction: Builder

Dr. John Dirks of Toronto has had a long and distinguished career working in the field of kidney disease. But he is perhaps best known for transforming the Gairdner Foundation International Awards, often referred to as 'Canada's Nobel Prizes', into one of the most prestigious awards program for medical research in the world.

Dr. Peter T. Macklem OC (1931 - 2011) Category for Induction: Excellence in Health Research – Clinical Research

One of Canada's greatest pulmonary physicians, clinician-scientists and original thinkers, Dr. Peter T. Macklem forever changed the face of respiratory medicine by pioneering the study of small airway physiology and identifying the early pulmonary damage done by smoking. Born in the Thousand Islands region of Ontario, he is recognized worldwide as a giant of respiratory medicine.



ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The objective of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences is to provide assessments of and advice on key issues relevant to the health of Canadians.

COMPLETED ASSESSMENTS

On November 13, 2011, the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences released a report entitled *Canadians Making a Difference: The Expert Panel on Canada's Strategic Role in Global Health*. This report, authored by an Expert Panel of leading Canadian and international global health experts, is based on a year-long evidence-based assessment process that was completed earlier this year. The Global Health assessment led by Peter Singer was presented at a plenary session of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) in Montreal on November 13, and was discussed in more detail at a panel on November 14. John Cairns, President-Elect, attended and provided CAHS perspective. There were over 1400 people at the meeting. Peter Singer's release and dissemination plan is a model for future CAHS assessments. You may access the full report and executive summary at: <http://www.caahs-acss.ca/completed-projects/>

Louise Nasmith continues to present the report, *Transforming Care for Canadians with Chronic Health Conditions: Put People First, Expect the Best; Manage for Results*, as opportunities arise.

CURRENT ASSESSMENTS

The Oral Health assessment led by Paul Allison is progressing well. The panel met in two components in May/June 2010, the entire group met together in Montreal in January, 2011 and again in May. The budget is on track and there should be sufficient resources to engage the Council of Canadian Academies (CCA) for the production including translation. The revised plan is to have a first draft of the report ready by December 2011, sent to reviewers during January and February 2012, revised during March 2012, translated and printed during April and May 2012 and ready for publication in June 2012.

Vitamin D and Calcium: David Goltzman chairs the Expert Advisory Committee chosen to provide CAHS input to Health Canada (HC). Our role is to advise HC on the implementation of any policies arising from the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report. The final report was provided to HC on October 31, and all business interaction will be complete by December 31, 2012. The panel has functioned extremely well under David's leadership. The EAC chair has received permission from Health Canada to publish relevant sections of the report in appropriate journals.

The Early Childhood Development assessment led by Clyde Hertzman and Michel Boivin (overseen by a joint committee of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) and CAHS [Geoff Flynn and John Cairns co-chair the Scientific Advisory Committee]). The draft report went for external review in late October. The joint oversight committee will go over the reviews, the panel will respond and then it is hoped that the report will go into the RSC production process by year-end.

Congratulations to the new CAHS Fellows (2011):

Paul J. Allison	Vivek Goel	Ronald Labonte	Debra J. Pepler
Robert W. Armstrong	Ian Graham	Anthony E. Lang	Brian D. Postl
Gerald Batist	Jean-Pierre Gregoire	Richard I. Levin	Andrew A. Potter
John (Jack) R. Bend	Patrick J. Gullane	Emile Levy	Noralou Roos
Larry Chambers	Gordon Guyatt	Ren-Ke Li	James Rutka
Susan P.C. Cole	Robert (Bob) Hancock	David Lillcrap	John L. Wallace
Stephen Collins	R. Brian Haynes	Joy MacDermid	Lori J. West
Dale Corbett	Philip A. Hieter	Joaquin Madrenas	Samuel Wiebe
Greta G. Cummings	David j. Hill	Christopher H. Mody	Stanley H. Zlotkin
Aaron Fenster	Judy Illes	Stephen Moses	
Gerald Fried	Gerald C. Johnston	Vassilios Papadopoulos	
Jacques Genest	Amira Klip	Gilles Paradis	

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7TH ANNUAL CAHS FORUM AND AGM

The 7th Annual CAHS Forum and Annual General Meeting will be held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa on Thursday and Friday, September 20 and 21 - please put the dates in your calendar.

In an effort to make the Annual Forum and AGM more effective for our Fellows, the Board has considered a change to the format as described by President Marrie in his message above. Stay tuned for the topic of our traditional assessment forum on day 1 and a request for proposals for the day 2 interdisciplinary presentations.

Draft Meeting Template

Day 1:	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Assessment Forum
	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Induction Ceremony & Banquet
Day 2:	8:00 am - 10:00 am	Annual General Meeting
	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Interdisciplinary Presentations

THE FRIESEN PRIZE

The Friesen Prize Forum which will be held in Ottawa next September in conjunction with CAHS, will highlight an accomplished international leader that attracts national attention to health research, health research policy and advanced care. CAHS Fellows can participate in the selection process by taking the opportunity to nominate potential candidates. Previous awardees have been exceptional individuals and are featured on the web site, www.fcih.ca, with podcasts of past lectures.

Nomination forms can be found at: <http://www.fcih.ca/prize/about/nomination>

Deadline: January 16, 2012

IN MEMORIAM - Dr. J. Fraser Mustard

Dr. J. Fraser Mustard has recently passed away. At the pinnacle of his research career, Dr. Mustard joined John Evans in 1966 as a founding member of the McMaster University Faculty of Medicine, and became its first Chairman of the Department of Pathology, later serving as Dean of Medicine and Vice-President (Health Sciences). In 1982, he established the Canadian Institute of Advance Research (CIAR). More recently Dr. Mustard headed the Founder's Network that involved more than 1000 individuals, which aided in fund raising for the CIAR. In 2002 he set up the Council for Early Child Development and Parenting, which stressed the importance of early brain development. He contributed widely to committees both nationally and provincially that influenced health policies. Dr. Mustard has been the recipient of fifteen Honorary Degrees and in 1986 was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada. He became a Companion of the Order in 1994 and is a Laureate of the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.