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## Call for Nominations of New Fellows and Distinguished Fellow

The nomination process for new Fellows for 2009 is now open. Nomination forms can be found at the CAHS website at [www.cahs-acss.ca/e/fellowships/nominations.php](http://www.cahs-acss.ca/e/fellowships/nominations.php). The deadline for submissions is March 31, 2009.

Distinguished Fellowship 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. The Board will be considering nominations for the third Distinguished Fellow of CAHS. Letters of nomination should be sent to [president@cahs-acss.ca](mailto:president@cahs-acss.ca).



## Nobel Prize winner addresses the Academy



Dr. Harold Varmus

Harold Varmus, winner of the 1989 Nobel Prize in Medicine and of the 2008 Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research, was the guest of honour at the closing luncheon of the Academy's 2008 annual meetings in Toronto.

After winning the Nobel Prize, Varmus was named by President Bill Clinton in 1993 to serve as the director of the NIH, a position he held until his appointment as CEO of the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in 2000.

Dr. Varmus' luncheon lecture to the Academy focused on his pioneering work regarding open access to scientific papers. He has spearheaded a movement that argues the results of scientific investigations should reside in the public domain.

This has resulted in policies at numerous agencies including

the NIH stipulating that articles must be freely available within six months of their publication in a journal, and in the creation of not-for-profit open access publishers such as the Public Library of Science that he co-founded. Dr. Varmus' lecture was stimulating and provocative, and generated an enthusiastic discussion among the Fellows in attendance.

## Honourable Monique Bégin helps induct new Fellows

At the annual ceremony and dinner, the Honourable Monique Bégin was the guest of honour and was inducted as the second Distinguished Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. She joins Dr. John Evans who was inducted last year as the first Distinguished Fellow. Dr. Bégin was honoured by CAHS for her many contributions to health care policy including the Canada Health Act of 1984 which enshrined the five core principles of universality, comprehensiveness, portability, accessibility, and public administration into Canada's health care system. Following her own induction, Dr. Bégin participated in the ceremony and congratulated each new Fellow as he or she came forward to be recognized. Later, during dinner, Dr. Bégin delighted the audience with a riveting account of her time in politics and of her recent work concerning population health and social determinants.



New Fellow, Martha Piper (left) is congratulated by Monique Bégin (Distinguished Fellow), Paul Armstrong (Past-President) and Martin Schechter (President).

## ROI Assessment report to be released in January 2009



Dr. Cy Frank

The much anticipated CAHS Assessment concerning the best metrics for evaluating the return on investments in health research, led by CAHS Fellow Dr. Cy Frank, is nearing the finish line. After more than a year of hard work, the Panel's report is now in the hands of external reviewers and will be revised in December 2008. Subject to Board approval, the Final Report will be released on January 20, 2009 in Ottawa. Assessment sponsors will get first crack at the report at a special presentation that day by Dr. Frank and colleagues, prior to wider release by the Academy.



### 37 new Fellows inducted in 2008

At the annual ceremony and dinner in Toronto on September 23, 2008, CAHS inducted 37 new Fellows into the Academy representing the full breadth of academic health science in Canada. We welcome these new Fellows whose accomplishments, wisdom and experience deeply enrich the Fellowship.

- Andre Cantin
- Andre Parent
- Annette Majnemer
- Bernard Bressler
- Celine Goulet
- Charles Bernstein
- David Hart
- George Steiner
- Guy Sauvageau
- Heather Spence-Laschinger
- Howard Feldman
- Jack Jhamandas
- Jack Siemiatycki
- Jean-Lucien Rouleau
- Jean-Pierre Pelletier
- John David Spence
- John Gilbert
- John Prescott
- Louise Potvin
- Mark Wainberg
- Martha Piper
- Michael Kramer
- Murray Huff
- Neil Cashman
- Patrick Parfrey
- Peter Leung
- Pierre-Gerlier Forest
- Renee Lyons
- Robert Sheldon
- Robert Sindelar
- Robyn Tamblyn
- Ronald Barr
- Ronald Worton
- Stan Kutcher
- Terrance Snutch
- Thomas Chang
- William Fisher

### Forum on Chronic Disease Management launches new assessment

The fourth annual meeting of the Canadian Academy of Health Science (CAHS) was held in Toronto, Ontario from September 22 to 24, 2008 and included a full day Forum that launched CAHS's Major Assessment on Health System Transformation to Meet the Burden of Chronic Disease.

Approximately 125 individuals Fellows, sponsors and guests attended the Forum. The objective of the day was to explore elements that are key to success for achieving optimal health outcomes for patients with one or more chronic diseases, including adults and children; to identify the major structural barriers to developing effective models of prevention and care in the context of affordability and sustainability; and to delineate the steps necessary to implement the transition to an effective model with clarification of roles and responsibilities, in the Canadian context.



Dr. Penny Ballem

Penny Ballem and Louise Nasmith, Co-Chairs of the CAHS Assessment, facilitated the Forum. The morning began with an outstanding plenary address from Catherine Zahn (Executive Vice President, Clinical Programs and Practice, University Health Network) followed by a panel discussion including Penny Ballem, Louise Nasmith, William Reichmann (CEO, Baycrest Hospital), and Ben Chan (CEO, Ontario Health Quality Council). Following lunch, attendees participated in another excellent panel discussion featuring Jean L. Rouleau (Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Montreal), The Hon. Michael J.L. Kirby (Chair, Mental Health Commission of Canada), Valerie Tregillus (Executive Director, Medical Services Division, BC Ministry of Health) and Eldon Smith (Professor Emeritus, University of Calgary).



Dr. Louise Nasmith

The gathered Fellows and Sponsors broke into working groups to consider the appropriate scope for the Assessment and the kind of expertise required for an ideal Assessment Panel to take on this complex challenge. A wrap-up session brought a number of ideas and threads together and provided an excellent launch for this latest Major Assessment.

### CAHS builds strategy on External Affairs



Dr. Peter Singer

Dr. Peter Singer of the University of Toronto has joined the CAHS Board of Directors and will manage the External Affairs portfolio. At the annual general meeting, he outlined a 5-point strategy for the next year:

1. Survey CAHS members on their activities in global health
2. Recommend a structure for External Affairs
3. Strengthen the relationship with the Inter-Academy Medical Panel, a global network of academies of medicine
4. Strengthen the relationship with the US Institute of Medicine
5. Work up the theme of "Canada's role in Global Health" as a possible symposium topic for the 2009 Annual meeting

Peter is eager to hear your thoughts on any of these points, or others, about external affairs. You can email him at [peter.singer@mrcglobal.org](mailto:peter.singer@mrcglobal.org).