



Secretary's Note

Have a great idea to enhance our Academy and help us become even more engaged with our Fellows? Do you have news that would be of value to your colleagues? Please tell us what you think and share your ideas and news with us. Thank you

Sincerely,
Robert Sindelar

2013 CAHS Distinguished Fellow

**Dr. David Sackett, Professor Emeritus,
McMaster University**



Dr. David Sackett

has been selected as the 2013 CAHS Distinguished Fellow. Dr. Sackett founded the first department of clinical epidemiology in Canada and is a pioneer of evidence-based medicine. He

will speak at the 2013 Inducton Dinner on Thursday, September 19, 2013.

President's Message

Spring is a time for renewal, whether you are a seed about to germinate or a medical student about to graduate. For CAHS it is also a time for renewal, starting with receiving the report of the Fellowship Committee and recognizing all the talented Fellows we will be inducting at our annual meeting at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa, on September 19 and 20, 2013.

We are delighted to advise you that the 2013 Forum and Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 19 and 20, 2013 at the Ottawa Fairmont Chateau Laurier. Event registration is now open and accommodation is available at special group rates.

This year's annual meeting promises to be very exciting. Our Forum will deal with a topic that is of interest to everyone: "SUBSTANCE USE and ADDICTIONS". I wish to express my thanks to Drs. Tony Phillips, Martin Schechter, John Cairns, Greta Cummings, Joy Johnson, Harvey Skinner, Sherry Stewart and Tim Stockwell for organizing the Forum. The Paul Armstrong Lecture will be given this year by Dr. Lorne Tyrrell. Scientific presentations, successfully introduced last year to spotlight the work of our Fellows, will be given by Dr. Neil Cashman who will speak on PRIONS AND PRION-LIKE DISEASES: TWISTED SISTERS and Dr. Joy Johnson who will speak on WHY GENDER MATTERS TO PUBLIC HEALTH: A TALE OF THREE STUDIES. Dr. David Sackett will be inducted as our 2013 Distinguished Fellow. Dr. Sackett is a pioneer in the field of clinical epidemiology in Canada. He will speak at the Induction Dinner. A detailed program for our annual meeting will be sent to you soon. Please register early.

Substance use and addiction have a tremendous impact on individuals and communities in our country and have been estimated to cost Canada around \$40 billion per year. There is a growing body of science regarding solutions to this challenge, but this is a complex societal issue where moral and emotional perspectives introduce a critical overlay to the available evidence. This is precisely the kind of challenge that the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences is meant to confront and accordingly, the forum on September 19th, 2013 will address the full spectrum of these issues. Three multi-disciplinary sessions will respectively address the Biologic Approaches to Understanding Addiction, the Societal and Environmental Determinants of Substance Abuse, and Innovations in our Approach to Addiction. The symposium will conclude with a scholarly debate on the resolution of whether or not the use of illicit substances should be legalized. As in the past, it is hoped that the symposium will represent the launch of a full assessment by CAHS of an issue that is of major concern to Canadian society.

The Friesen Lecturer has just been selected and once again we are partnering for this event with the Friends of CIHR under the leadership of Dr. Aubie Angel. The recipient for 2013 is Dr. Harvey Fineberg (see page 2). This year the Deans of our medical schools have been invited to send a medical student or two to hear and meet with the Friesen Lecturer and to attend our Forum. Dr. Fineberg will address the CAHS at the September 19 luncheon.

Dr. Catherine Whiteside and her Governance Committee are revising our by-laws. These will need to be approved at the Annual General Meeting on September 20th – another reason for you to attend! (continued next page)



Dr. Thomas J. Marrie





President’s Message (continued)

Finally, we have had several meetings with the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Engineers regarding funding renewal for the Council of Canadian Academies (CCA). In January, the three member Academies met with Ms. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, CCA President and Chief Executive officer. It was a very good discussion which started from the premise that we all want to have the funding for CCA renewed. A challenge for us is how to position some funding for the member Academies as part of this renewal process. Indeed, in kind funding may be the best way for this to be done. A beneficial side effect of these conversations has been growing a relationship amongst the three member Academies.

In closing I would like to thank Dr. Robert Sindelar for his work in bringing you such an informative newsletter. In future if you have items you would like to share with CAHS fellows please send an email to either the President or the Secretary. Best wishes for a restful summer and I am looking forward to seeing all of you in September.

Yours sincerely,
Thomas Marrie

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The 2013 Henry G. Friesen International Prize Lecture

The Canadian Academy of Health Sciences is partnering with the Friends of CIHR to have the 2013 Friesen Lecturer address the Fellows and guests at our September 19 luncheon. The 2013 Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research recipient is **Dr. Harvey V. Fineberg**, President of the Institute of Medicine. Under Dr. Fineberg’s guidance, the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences produces 60 to 70 in depth studies per year, many of which address public health practices, medical care, medical education and health policies that guide many agencies of government and other sectors. He served as Provost of Harvard University from 1997 to 2001, following thirteen years as Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health. He has devoted most of his academic career to the fields of health policy and medical decision-making. His past research has focused on the process of policy development and implementation, assessment of medical technology, evaluation and use of vaccines, and dissemination of medical innovations.



Dr. Harvey V. Fineberg

The Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research was established in 2005 by FCIHR in recognition of Dr. Henry Friesen’s distinguished leadership, vision and innovative contributions to health and health research. The \$35,000 Friesen Prize is awarded annually. The Prize, established by the Friends of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (FCIHR) in collaboration with CAHS, recognizes exceptional innovation by a visionary health leader of international stature.



Annual General Meeting 2013

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Registration: The registration fee is \$325.00 plus \$125.00 for the Banquet. A late registration fee of \$375.00 will be applicable effective September 1, 2013. Online registration for this event is now open and may be accessed via the link provided or our website at <http://www.caHS-acss.ca/e/home/>.

Accommodation: Fairmont Chateau Laurier, 1 Rideau Street, Ottawa, ON. A block of rooms is being held on Wednesday, September 18, Thursday, September 19, and Friday, September 20, 2012 (see rates below). To make your reservation please call 1-800-441-1414 and quote the CAHS2013 group rate. The block of rooms will be available until it sells out or August 19, 2013 whichever comes first. Cancellations made up to 48 hours prior to arrival will be accepted and the deposit refunded for the full night's stay. A credit card is required to guarantee all hotel reservations.

Rooms	Rate
Fairmont	\$225
Fairmont with view	\$265
Deluxe	\$295
Corner Suite	\$525

Book early to avoid disappointment!

Update on Activities of the Standing Committee on Assessments

Following an intensely busy period leading up to the Annual Meeting in 2012, the Standing Committee on Assessments (SCA) has been focused on specific administrative challenges in addition to its primary function – assessment activities. This has been possible in part because with three assessments in progress and one just recently completed, the SCA had the time and opportunity to spend dealing with operational issues. They identified the needed improvements and proposed a revised flow chart of central support for the execution of assessments. One important need was for better management of communication planning and its subsequent execution for each assessment. The latter issue is particularly important for assessments wherein the CAHS is solely responsible for executing all aspects of an assessment. In contrast, the joint execution of an assessment with the Council of Canadian Academies (CCA) places less pressure on the SCA members and the Chair, since these services are available in-house at the CCA. The SCA report was submitted to Executive Board of the CAHS and the plan was approved in principle at its meeting on January 29, 2013. Furthermore, the reason for focusing on these process changes at this time is of note. Due to a 2011 federal law requiring the all non-profit corporations to resubmit their by-laws by 2014, the CAHS by-laws are being updated currently. This offered an opportunity for the CAHS to incorporate the SCA's suggested changes now. The actual implementation of the SCA changes will depend on future discussions with existing partners like the CCA or with new partners, such as the Conference Board of Canada, and on the CAHS's own financial health.

The SCA is also concerned about succession planning within its membership. It has proposed that a Vice-Chair of the SCA be appointed when each new Chair is appointed. It will be clear to new Vice-Chairs that, subject to CAHS approval, they will be Chair-elect. The change will have the advantage of the Chair knowing that there is a back-up in case of unexpected absence or a conflict of interest. This was accepted by the Board and Paul Hebert agreed to accept that position for 2013. Paul's research background and experience as Editor of the CMAJ make him an ideal person to assume this role.

Returning to the SCA's prime role, Jeff Turnbull and Sioban Nelson, the co-chairs of the assessment on Scopes of Practice, report that the panel is functioning well and on target to have a report drafted for review by June, 2013. The assessment of Conducted Energy Weapons (Tasers), in partnership with the CCA, is also on task and on time. The Oral Health Report was submitted for review in late 2012 and it was recommended that the style and format of the report be changed significantly. The Chair, Paul Allison, expects the revised report to be available for review by the SCA in mid-April. The assessment on Return on Investment for the Canadian Institute for Military and Veterans Health Research was completed and was approved. For more details about that assessment and others, please visit the CAHS home page at <http://www.caHS-acss.ca>. (continued next page)



Update on Activities of the Standing Committee on Assessments (continued)

Overall, the SCA is very pleased with its achievements since the September 2012 and looks forward to three more assessments being completed in 2013.

The Chair of the SCA wishes to thank the committee members for their effort and guidance. We anticipate a busy six months as three completed assessments are brought forward for publication and e-circulation in a more targeted manner than previously.

Sincerely yours,

Dale Dauphinee,
Chair, Standing Committee on Assessments

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENT FELLOWSHIP SURVEY!

Your Board-Council is committed to explore more and better ways to connect to and engage our Fellows in the activities and future planning of our Academy.

REMEMBER the CAHS ONLINE PORTAL

The **online Fellows Portal** is designed to enhance your membership. You can update your online profile, upload your photograph and more easily communicate with other CAHS Fellows. It is now possible to upload your full CV/resume in the CAHS Private Profile directory providing a full and complete record of your expertise and enhancing our ability to identify and engage you in relevant activities.

For more information about the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, our Fellows, our assessments, all our activities, and details about our 2013 Annual General Meeting and Fellow Induction event, please visit our CAHS home page at <http://www.cahs-acss.ca>