



## Canadian Academy of Health Sciences Académie canadienne des sciences de la santé e-Blast

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### December 2014

Welcome to the December 2014 CAHS e-Blast, your source for updates on activities of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The annual call for nominations for Fellowship in the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences will open formally on **MONDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2015** with the release of letters of notification to leaders of Health Sciences Faculties across Canada. Nomination forms and guidance on preparing a Fellowship nomination form are available on our website at [www.cahs-acss.ca/](http://www.cahs-acss.ca/)

This process literally determines who we are and where we are to go as an Academy. In concert with many moves by the Academy to engage our Fellows, **the nomination process has been changed this year to place the onus for the nomination of new Fellows on current Fellows** of the Academy.

We have been well-served in the past by reliance upon Deans, Vice Presidents of Research and other leaders of academic health sciences (often with the support of local CAHS Fellows) to take the initiative to nominate colleagues for Fellowship, and to organize letters of support, both internal and external. The Academy has now had 10 years of growth to a robust 550 Fellows – a cadre of expertise and achievement ideally qualified to bring forward new candidates.



**From this year onward, we are asking YOU - as CAHS Fellows - to take the responsibility for nominating colleagues to Fellowship, to work with leaders in your institutions to generate supporting letters and to solicit the external letters essential to making the case for each nominee.**

I urge each of you to give some careful thought to who among your colleagues should be honored by Fellowship in the CAHS for their scholarly achievements and leadership. Please consider those with unique competencies which will enhance our capacity to address questions of importance to the health of Canadians - and importantly - are willing to



#### Secretary's Note

Please remember that we rely on our Fellows, to keep

us abreast of their own news and that of their colleagues. We look forward to hearing from you throughout the year and to receiving photographs that we can use to promote our collective success!

Sincerely,  
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serve the Canadian public in this way.

Please engage meaningfully in the 2015 nomination process. A guideline for the preparation of a nomination provides the details about this rigorous process which culminates in the annual selection of outstanding new Fellows.

The CAHS is your Academy. While you are already thinking about it, go to our website, download the guidance materials and consider nominating an outstanding colleague. Please take this opportunity to influence our future.

Best wishes to you and your family for a joyous and restorative Holiday Season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Cairns', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sincerely,  
John Cairns MD, FRCPC, FRCP (Lond), FCAHS, FACC

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#### IMPORTANT DATES

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- **Friday, March 13, 2015 – *Deadline for New Fellow Nominations***
- **September 17 & 18, 2015 – *CAHS Forum and Annual Meeting, Ottawa***