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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellows,

I hope you had a joyful holiday season and 2017 brings health and happiness to you and your families.

It is once again time to nominate individuals for Fellowship. We rely on our Fellows to bring forward names of outstanding people across the health disciplines who deserve recognition and who will contribute to the mission of CAHS. **Please take the time to nominate a colleague. Please also respond to the request below from the Governance and**

**Nominations Committee for nominations for Board appointments and 2017 Award recipients.**

We are well into planning our Forum 2017 on Antimicrobial Resistance. Forum co-chairs, **John Conly** and **John Prescott**, have developed an exciting program that bridges veterinary science and human health with speakers who will bring us up to date on topics from basic science to public health within Canada and worldwide. Plan to attend the Forum and AGM in Ottawa on September 14 and 15 and take the opportunity to also celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday!

Meanwhile your Board continues to work on your behalf to raise the profile of the Academy within Canada and internationally, to work effectively with partner organizations, including the Council of Canadian Academies, and to raise the funds necessary to fulfil our mission. We are excited about forthcoming partnered work with the CCA and our sister academies around *Medical Assistance in Dying* [read more](#). Three Panels will be created to deal with advanced directives, decision-making by minors and individuals with mental illness. We will be recommending Fellows whom we know have expertise for membership on these Panels and encourage you to let us know if you have particular interest in being considered. We continue to seek support for our proposed Assessment on *Dementia* and continue to work on follow up to the 2016 Forum on *Indigenous Health*.

The Standing Committee on Assessments and the Board are actively engaged in revising our process for developing Assessments, with the aim of engaging sponsors early in the development of a relevant question and having the necessary funds committed at the outset. We anticipate using Round Tables to bring together stakeholders and ensure our major activity as an Academy is better aligned. In terms of our *Assessment Report on Team Science*, we did encounter some delays but are now back on track and a Spring 2017 publication is highly anticipated.

As I reported in September, we have become more engaged internationally with active involvement in the organization of the 2016 InterAcademy Panel (IAP) for Health conference in Beijing. **Jeff Turnbull**, who co-led the assessment on *Optimizing Healthcare for Canadians*, gave a keynote address at the IAP

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### SECRETARY'S NOTE

Please mark your calendars for the **2017 CAHS Annual Forum being held in Ottawa on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**.

If we have missed out on any key member news, such as **major** awards or transitions of particular note among our Fellows, please let us know.

Sincerely,  
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meeting in Beijing. CAHS is also leading the development of an IAP Statement on Dementia. We are grateful to **Howard Chertkow** and the CCNA Research Committee who revised our Statement which has now gone to an InterAcademy Committee for further work to ensure it will be useful internationally. It will then go for ratification to IAP member Academies.

We continue to engage in meaningful work to increase the profile of the Academy. A pilot project was launched in Toronto in November, led by **Linda Rabeneck**, with the goal of producing at least two Op Eds in 2017; We collaborated with the CCA, the RSC and the CAE in the November 2016 pre-Workshop of the Centre for Science Policy Conference on evidence-based decision-making; and **Keith Sharkey** did an excellent job of representing the CAHS at a recent national meeting organized by the Canadian Centre for Substance Abuse to derive a National Research Agenda on the Health Impacts of Non-Medical Cannabis. CAHS was invited by the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies at UBC to submit a chapter on major issues facing Canadians for a book to be released to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary. In response, a writing committee consisting of **Christian Naus, Catharine Whiteside, Carol Herbert, Louise Nasmith, Paul Allison, Siobhan Nelson, and Jean Gray** synthesized a chapter based on the CAHS assessment reports on Chronic Diseases, Oral Health of Vulnerable Populations, and Scopes of Practice. An article on Dementia, authored by **Howard Feldman** and **Carole Estabrooks**, Co-Chairs of the 2015 Forum, is In Press at the Canadian Journal of Public Health; and I submitted an invited Open Letter entitled "*Nothing About Us Without Us*": *Taking Action on Indigenous Health*, for a series by Longwoods.

On May 12, the CAHS will co-sponsor an Invitational Symposium in Toronto to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Associated Medical Services (AMS) and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canadian Medicare. The event, entitled *Canadian Medicare 2017: Historical Reflections, Future Directions* will be co-chaired by **Greg Marchildon** (CAHS Fellow) and Colleen Flood, former Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute on Health Services and Health Policy Research. Several Fellows were involved in planning this event, including your President. The submitted papers will be published following the meeting. Celebrations will begin a day earlier – on May 11 – with a public presentation on *The Past and Future of Canadian Medicare* at 4:00 pm at MaRS, facilitated by **David Naylor**.

The CAHS operates with a part-time paid staff member, Allison Hardisty, who provides incredible support and we rely heavily on the volunteer time of our Board and Committee members. However, we need more resources to enable us to sustain and expand our activities. We continue to work with a communications consultant on a new brand and profile for the organization, including an updated website to serve our Fellows better. We anticipate launching a significant fundraising campaign in the coming months and hope you will consider the CAHS when planning your personal philanthropy this year.

I thank you for your ongoing engagement and support as we honour outstanding Canadian health scientists by electing them to Fellowship and as we contribute our expertise to create a healthier Canada.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President.

Sincerely,



Carol Herbert, President

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The formal call for nominations was released in January. As primary nominators, CAHS Fellows provide a letter of nomination that introduces the nominee and co-nominators and they have responsibility for co-ordinating the entire nomination package. Support materials have been developed to assist you in this task and may be accessed through our website at <http://cahs-acss.ca/nominations/> The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 10, 2017.

Nominations will be adjudicated by the Fellowship Committee in April. Nominees will be advised of the outcome early in May, but the information is embargoed until Induction in September. The 2017 ceremony will be held on Thursday evening, September 14, 2017 at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa.

Because a large number of outstanding candidates are nominated each year, it is inevitable that some excellent people are not successful in their first year. Nominations remain active for three years and annual solicitations are made to primary nominators so that they can update the original nomination package during the current nomination period. An update may range from the replacement of one piece of the original submission (the CV for example) to an entirely new nomination package.

*Call for Volunteers!* The Fellowship Committee reviews nominations for Fellowship in the CAHS, assigns ratings and provides the list to the Board for decision. Membership is not onerous, the work is rewarding and orientation is provided. Participation in the annual web-based review meeting is however mandatory: the 2017 review meeting will be held on April 22nd. If you are interested in having your name included in a pool from which we can draw in the future please let Allison Hardisty know at [a.hardisty@utoronto.ca](mailto:a.hardisty@utoronto.ca).

*Linda Rabeneck, President-Elect and Committee Chair*

## **GOVERNANCE & NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – PRESIDENT ELECT** The CAHS will be choosing a PRESIDENT-ELECT to be appointed in **September 2017**. The choice of President-elect is of critical importance to our Academy. This individual serves in a six year commitment, with two years as President-elect, two years as President and two years as past-President. These are all very much active roles. As well as being a member of the CAHS Board and Board Executive, the President-elect has a variety of assigned duties and the role of President carries substantial responsibilities as the overall leader of the Academy. We are working hard to develop the profile of CAHS as the “go to” organization for governments and NGO’s in regard to health policy development. Our activities in government relations and development (fund raising) are intensifying. The past-President continues to be a member of the Board and of the Executive and has specific responsibilities as Chair of two key Standing Committees.

This leadership role with the CAHS offers the individual the opportunity to lead the activities of over 600 highly accomplished Fellows. There are significant satisfactions from engagement in a Board of Directors made up of outstanding leaders in academic health sciences and with many organizations and leaders of academic health sciences nationally and internationally. As President-elect and then as President, the CAHS leader sits on the Board of the Council of Canadian Academies (CCA), along with leaders of the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Engineering. The CCA conducts independent, authoritative, and evidence-based expert assessments that inform public policy development in Canada in response to requests primarily from the federal government, but also from other levels of government, NGOs and industry. Whereas CAHS assessments focus on health, CCA assessments occur across the spectrum of the sciences and the arts.

The *Committee on Governance and Nominations* looks forward to receiving your formal and informal nominations of CAHS Fellows to the office of President-elect. Suggestions will be welcomed by Committee Chair, John Cairns at [john.cairns@ubc.ca](mailto:john.cairns@ubc.ca). Individual Fellows are also encouraged to explore their potential interest in this role with John, with Carol Herbert [Carol.Herbert@schulich.uwo.ca](mailto:Carol.Herbert@schulich.uwo.ca) our current President, or with any of our past Presidents. A formal recommendation will be made to the Board in March 2017 so we would like to hear from you before FEBRUARY 15, 2017.

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – BOARD MEMBERS**

Members of the CAHS Board serve two year terms that may be renewed twice. The Board manages, or supervises the management of, the activities and affairs of the Corporation. The Board meets by conference call approximately every two months for two hours, and face-to-face twice each year (once at the Annual Meeting in September and once at a free-standing retreat in Toronto or Ottawa sometime

between January and June). The CAHS needs to make new appointments to the Board, effective September 2017, to replace the following members completing their terms.

Discipline Director, Dentistry	<b>Paul Allison</b>	eligible to serve a <u>third</u> 2-year term
Discipline Director, Veterinary Sciences	<b>Lorne Babiuk</b>	eligible to serve a <u>second</u> 2-year term
Discipline Director, Nursing	<b>Anita Molzahn</b>	eligible to serve a <u>second</u> 2-year term
Discipline Director, Medicine	<b>Jon Meddings</b>	eligible to serve a <u>second</u> 2-year term
Discipline Director, Pharmacy	<b>Wayne Hindmarsh</b>	eligible to serve a <u>third</u> 2-year term
Director-at-Large	<b>Louise Potvin</b>	eligible to serve a <u>third</u> 2-year term

The *Committee on Governance and Nominations* looks forward to receiving your formal and informal nominations of CAHS Fellows for all of these Board positions. Suggestions are welcomed by the Committee Chair, John Cairns at [john.cairns@ubc.ca](mailto:john.cairns@ubc.ca). A formal recommendation will be made to the Board in March 2017 so we would like to hear from you before February 15, 2017.

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – AWARDS

1. THE PAUL ARMSTRONG LECTURE: This Lecture, established by CAHS to honor its first President, Paul Armstrong, recognizes leadership & commitment to advance academic health sciences through academic service and innovation at local, national and international levels and achievements that are truly extraordinary. Past recipients of this award include: **Jean Rouleau; Lorne Tyrell; Peter Singer; David Naylor; Eldon Smith.**
2. THE CAHS SCIENTIFIC LECTURE: Each year the CAHS selects one Fellow to give a 20-30 minute talk describing their research activities and the state of their field of research. The idea is to feature the outstanding qualities of our Fellows and to inform a diverse audience of the current state of the art in the given field of investigation. Past recipients of this award include **Ian Graham; Wayne Martin; Anne Martin Matthews; Neil Cashman; Joy Johnson; Jane Green; Bartha Knoppers; Jocelyne Downie.** Fundamental characteristics sought in these Fellows are:
  - i. Track record of internationally recognized success and authority
  - ii. Topic which ensures interest from the broad spectrum of CAHS Fellows across the health sciences
  - iii. Capacity to provide perspective on a field of research/scholarship (the talk is about not just the research of the individual but the current state of knowledge)
  - iv. Engaging and stimulating style of presentation
  - v. Excellent visuals

The *Committee on Governance and Nominations* looks forward to receiving your formal and informal nominations of CAHS Fellows for these two awards. Suggestions are welcomed by the Committee Chair, John Cairns at [john.cairns@ubc.ca](mailto:john.cairns@ubc.ca). Formal recommendations will be made to the Board in March 2017 so we would like to hear from you before February 15, 2017.

*John Cairns, Past President & Committee Chair*

#### COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Major objectives of the Standing Committee on Government Relations are to work closely with the CAHS Board and the Standing Committee on Development & Strategic Communications to:

1. Establish regular, sustained, direct contacts with the Ministry of Health and its Divisions and Agencies;
2. Establish CAHS as the “go to” organization for analysis and advice for Health Canada;
3. Support the creation of stable and secure funding for the support of CAHS assessments of questions of importance to Canadians.

*John Cairns, Past President & Committee Chair*

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

The CAHS Board has approved a new plan, submitted by the Committee, for strategic communications with external stakeholders. The purpose is to improve our visibility as an organization that is uniquely positioned to create value and direction for a healthier Canada. The plan identifies: our audiences (the public, government, the health sector, the private sector, foundations and philanthropists); consistent key messages; the best media tactics; and, the importance of evaluating the impact of our communications. Measuring our impact should include tracking indicators of our core activities, particularly major assessments, and incorporating these outcomes into annual reports and customized briefs. Our Committee has prepared an ambitious work plan for the next 6 months that prioritizes immediate website re-development, improved social media communication and the preparation of a partnership plan for sustaining our relationship and strategic communication with sponsors. On advice of the Board, the Committee has engaged a communications consultant who is knowledgeable in all aspects of our activities and is already working with us on messaging potential sponsors and both levels of government as well as website content. Many thanks to our Committee members and especially to Allison Hardisty whose engagement and expertise are central to the success of our goals and deliverables.

*Catharine Whiteside, Committee Chair*

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## NATIONAL FORUM

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Under the leadership of **Gavin Stuart**, Chair of the Standing Committee on Annual Meeting Planning, planning for the 2017 Forum and Annual General Meeting is proceeding nicely. The event will be held in Ottawa on Thursday and Friday, September 14 and 15, 2017 at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier. An exciting Forum program entitled *STRATEGIES TO CONTROL THE ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE TSUNAMI: IS CANADA DOING ITS PART?* has been developed by **John Conly** and **John Prescott**, event co-chairs. The objectives of the session are to improve understanding of the landscape and current science of antimicrobial resistance; explore global and national frameworks within a “One Health” concept; and to debate Canada’s contributions to addressing the antimicrobial resistance crisis within the proposed pan-Canadian framework.

HOLD THE DATES FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Thursday & Friday, September 13 & 14, 2018 - Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel, Vancouver

Thursday & Friday, September 19 & 20, 2019 - Fairmont Château Laurier, Ottawa

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## STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

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### REGIONAL MEETING UPDATES

*Regional meetings provide an opportunity to be connected to other Fellows and to the work of the Academy between annual general meetings. The Board is happy to note that there is now a small budget available (up to \$200) to help with refreshments as needed. As a suggestion, regions with an established meeting structure might like to consider inviting “young scholars” as guests. Inviting the participation of graduate students, post-docs and/or younger faculty members will serve to increase their exposure to some of the top scientists in the health sciences in their region. Our regional networks function less as formal chapters of the Academy but rather informal forums intended to rally Fellows together, building relationships, incubating ideas and crafting assessment and forum topics. Regional networks also play an increasingly important role in helping to promote and disseminate the work of the Academy in the provinces and identifying worthy candidates for nomination of Fellowship.*



### SASKATCHEWAN

**Jay Kalra** and **Kishor Wasan** hosted 25 Saskatchewan CAHS Fellows and health sciences leaders - including VP Research, **KAREN CHAD**, and CEO of the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation, **HEATHER MAGITIOUX** - from around the province at the First Annual Saskatchewan Canadian Academy of Health Sciences Mini Symposium on November 7<sup>th</sup> in Saskatoon. CAHS President,

**Carol Herbert**, was our keynote speaker and we formally inducted **Debra Morgan** as a new Fellow of the Academy as she was not able to attend the event in Montreal.

**VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL NETWORK Neena Chappell** reports that following the inaugural meeting of the Vancouver Island Regional Network, they are now pursuing the issue of adequate benefits for long-term grant employees. The Vice President of Research has been asked to take this up with the CIHR and they await a response.

If your region does not yet have a group and you'd like help to consider how to set one up, please let us know!

*Kishor Wasan, CAHS Secretary*

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## ASSESSMENT NEWS

The Academic Recognition of Team Science assessment should have gone to peer review in Fall 2016 but at the October face-to-face meeting of the panel it was recognized that there was still work to be done. Accordingly, another face-to-face meeting was deemed necessary in January prior to the report being sent for peer review. The sponsors have all been contacted and will receive a pre-translation pdf version of the report by late March with a public release scheduled for late April, following translation and printing.

The Standing Committee on Assessments (SCA) is very grateful to **Howard Bergman** who has been a major resource as we develop an assessment arising out of the 2015 forum on Dementia. A prospectus is now circulating and the Committee on Development & Strategic Communications, under the leadership of **Catharine Whiteside**, is assisting with fundraising. This report will be a collaborative effort of CAHS and the CCA.

A proposal for an assessment on medical use of marijuana received considerable discussion in Fall 2016 but with the assistance of **Keith Sharkey**, who represents CAHS at the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse and who has provided the SCA with an overview of the several reports currently being generated on this topic, the SCA decided not to pursue this further. The originator of the proposal has been informed and recognizes this is a rapidly developing area. Preliminary discussion has begun to fashion an assessment on Indigenous health arising from the September 2016 Forum.

The SCA has drafted a set of recommendations regarding the CAHS approach to, and the nature of, assessments which was reviewed at the Board meeting in September. Revisions were requested and the recommendations will be resubmitted in the near future.

*Jean Gray, Chair, Standing Committee on Assessments*

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## FELLOW SPOTLIGHT & NEWS

The Academy would like to acknowledge the extraordinary volunteer contributions of **Keith Sharkey, Louise Nasmith** and **Howard Chertkow** in 2016. We thank you most sincerely for answering our call to represent the CAHS and engage with external organizations around meaningful work that has successfully helped to promote the profile of the Academy.



Howard Chertkow



Louise Nasmith



Keith Sharkey

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**Michel Bergeron** received, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 in Halifax, *The Ernest C. Manning Principal Award for Medical Innovation* and on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, he was recognized as the *2016 Innovation Personality of the Year* by the Association for the Development of Research and Innovation of the Province of Québec. Congratulations Michel!



Our sincere congratulations to **Paul Grand'Maison** who has been formally recognized - and indeed celebrated! - over the past two years. Induction into the *Ordre national du Québec* at the rank of Knight and *Honorary Fellowship* in the RCPSC were particular highlights in 2015 and 2016 brought forward *Honorary Membership* in the CMA; receipt of the AFMC *Charles Boelen International Social Accountability Award* and a *Honoris Causa doctorate* from Université Laval Faculty of Medicine, Québec for his commitment and leadership in medical education and Family Medicine.



Congratulations to **Cheryl Rockman-Greenberg** whose work to improve the health of children continues to have a global impact and has been recognized with the [The Rx&D Health Research Foundation](#) Medal of Honour. Cheryl is the first female recipient of this award since its inception in 1945. The award recognizes outstanding individuals whose research and/or contribution to public policies in Canada have achieved international recognition.



Congratulations to **Christopher Simpson**, Past President of the CMA, on his appointment as the CMA representative to the World Medical Association (2017-2021).



OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA

**Charles Haskell Tator, O.C.**

Toronto, Ontario

For his advocacy as a world-renowned authority on concussions and for promoting increased safety in sports.

*This is a promotion within the Order*



OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA

**Donald T. Stuss, O.C., O.Ont.**

Toronto, Ontario

For his contributions as an internationally respected neuropsychologist who has expanded scientific understanding of brain function, injury and rehabilitation.



MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA

**Gloria Margaret Gutman, C.M., O.B.C.**

Vancouver, British Columbia

For her research and leadership in the field of gerontology and for her advocacy against elder abuse.





MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA

**Jean-Lucien Rouleau, C.M.**

Montréal, Quebec

For his contributions to developing the field of cardiology as a researcher, clinician and university administrator.

It is with sadness that we remember **Karen Mann**, Professor Emeritus, Dalhousie University. Karen contributed greatly to the CAHS as a member of the Fellowship Committee from 2009-2014. She is greatly missed by her CAHS friends and colleagues.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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- **MARCH 10, 2017 - DEADLINE FOR FELLOW NOMINATIONS**
- **SEPTEMBER 14 & 15, 2017 - CAHS ANNUAL FORUM & GENERAL MEETING, CHATEAU LAURIER, OTTAWA**
- **SEPTEMBER 13 & 14, 2018 - CAHS ANNUAL FORUM & GENERAL MEETING, MARRIOTT PINNACLE DOWNTOWN HOTEL, VANCOUVER**
- **SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2019 - CAHS ANNUAL FORUM & GENERAL MEETING, FAIRMONT CHÂTEAU LAURIER, OTTAWA**