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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,



If you have not yet registered for the annual meeting in September you are reminded to do so before September 1 when a late registration fee becomes applicable!*

I am very much looking forward to this year's FORUM & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on Thursday and Friday, September 14 and 15, 2017. It will be nice to return to Ottawa, and the Fairmont Château Laurier, in the year of the 150th anniversary of Confederation. While there remains much to do in Canada there is much to celebrate.

I would particularly like to commend JOHN CONLY and JOHN PRESCOTT on the outstanding Forum program they have produced for us this year entitled [Strategies to control the Antimicrobial Resistance Tsunami: Is Canada doing its part?](#) A special highlight of our annual event is, of course, the INDUCTION CEREMONY. Many of you participated in the nomination of this year's exceptionally talented individuals and I very much hope you will join us and actively participate in their welcome.

- **Event Registration:** Event registration is \$325.00 plus \$125.00 for the Banquet. [Meeting & Banquet Registration](#) **A late registration fee of \$375.00 is applicable effective September 1, 2017.** Cancellations are subject to a non-refundable \$60.00 administrative fee. Please be advised that the University of Toronto has implemented a new & improved meeting registration system. With this, however, is the need to build a new profile so please do not be concerned when prompted to do so.
- **Accommodation:** Our room block at the Fairmont Château Laurier has now sold out. **Les Suites** is offering premiere one bedroom suites with complimentary wireless high speed Internet at the rate of \$179.00/night + applicable taxes. Parking is an additional \$22.00CAN/day (plus applicable tax) with unlimited in/out access. [Hotel Registration](#) Password: **CAHS2017** Reservations can also be made by telephone at (613) 232-2000; Toll free: (800) 267-1989.

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 publish in the Newsletter to promote and celebrate our collective success!

Sincerely,

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CAHS seeks New Foreign Secretary

After almost a decade of dedicated and outstanding service in the role of CAHS Foreign Secretary, **PETER SINGER**, has indicated a desire to step down. Accordingly, CAHS will select from amongst its Fellows, a worthy candidate to take on the role in Fall 2017. Specific responsibilities of the Foreign Secretary include:

1. Guide and have responsibility for the international activities of CAHS;
2. Build and maintain partnerships with Academies of Medicine/Health elsewhere in the world;
3. Develop relationships with global and regional networks of Academies such as IAMP and IAP;
4. Assist in identifying outstanding health scientists from abroad to be nominated as international members of the CAHS, especially from countries poorly represented in the Academy;
5. Identify leading Canadian global health scientists from any discipline for possible appointment to CAHS through its usual processes.

This appointment has a renewable term of three years. The Foreign Secretary is an ex officio member of the CAHS Board and participates in these meetings. The Board met nine times in 2017 (eight 2-hour meetings via teleconference and one in-person full day retreat). If you are interested in this position and would like to be considered please contact **JOHN CAIRNS**, Chair of the Committee on Governance & Nominations, at john.cairns@ubc.ca

Call to Arms!

The report of the Advisory Panel for the Review of Federal Support for Fundamental Science, chaired by CAHS Fellow **DAVID NAYLOR**, was released in April 2017. As planned, we immediately acknowledged receipt of the report entitled [INVESTING IN CANADA'S FUTURE Strengthening the Foundations of Canadian Research](#) and submitted a detailed response on June 26. Specifically, we endorsed the creation of the National Advisory Council on Research and Innovation and appointment of the Chief Science Officer of Canada as immediate first steps. We strongly supported the Panel's view that the restoration of more balanced independent peer reviewed operating grant funding is paramount along with a four year measured increase in funding beginning in 2018. An Op Ed entitled [Investing in research is the best way to create an innovative economy](#) written by **PAUL ARMSTRONG**, CAHS Past-President, and **CAROL HERBERT** in support of the Review was published in the Globe and Mail Business section on August 8, 2017 and continues to gain traction in the media (Huffington Post, Ottawa Life Magazine, La Presse [in press], etc).

The support of this report by the research community - as one voice - is important and delivering that message in a tangible way critical.

With this in mind, **I call upon each of you to actively engage by writing to your MP to declare your broad support of the Federal Science Review** so that the Government knows the health sciences community considers the recommendations as very important for the future of Canadian science.

Sincerely,



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President

