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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,



Happy Canada Day! I trust you and your families will enjoy festivities today to celebrate the 150th anniversary of confederation.

I write this summary at a point in time when there is an air of excitement and much to celebrate here at the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

We eagerly anticipate the imminent release – NEXT WEDNESDAY, JULY 5TH - of our latest assessment report

Academic Recognition of Team Science: How to Optimize the Canadian Academic System. We are indebted to the Expert Panel led by Dr. Peter Mackinnon, and members Stephen Bornstein, Sarah Bowen, Holly J. Falk-Krzesinski, Sara Israels, Joanne Keselman, Roderick R. McInnes, Carol L. Richards, D. Lorne Tyrrell and Peter Walker. We are most grateful to the sponsors of this work and also to the Council of Canadian Academies who enabled it. Truly, without the understanding and co-operation of Eric Meslin and members of his outstanding team this work would not have been possible. Thank you!

The report of the Advisory Panel for the Review of Federal Support for Fundamental Science, chaired by CAHS Fellow Dr. **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 then began actively gathering feedback from you via survey and discussion at regional meetings. On June 26th we commended The Honorable Kirsty Duncan and the Government of Canada for undertaking this work and we provided our response for consideration. [View Here](#)

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.

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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We eagerly anticipate the **2017 Forum & Annual General Meeting** in Ottawa at the Fairmont Château Laurier on Thursday September 14th and Friday September 15th, 2017. Drs. **John Conly** and **John Prescott** have produced an outstanding scientific program entitled *Strategies to control the Antimicrobial Resistance Tsunami: Is Canada doing its part?* that has stimulated excitement and interest across the health sciences community. Dr. Gavin Stuart, who leads our committee on annual meeting planning, has been actively driving registration this year and the fruits of his labours are evident. We are on track to celebrate a record turnout! A special highlight of this annual event is the **Induction Ceremony** and we very much look forward to welcoming 65 exceptionally talented new Fellows from across the health sciences this year. [Forum Program](#)

- **Event Registration:** Event registration is \$325.00 plus \$125.00 for the Banquet. 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 you are prompted to do so.* [To Register Now Click Here](#)
- **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. [Click here for online registration](#) Password: **CAHS2017** Reservations can also be made by contacting the hotel directly at: Telephone: (613) 232-2000; Toll free: (800) 267-1989. **PLEASE QUOTE GROUP CODE: CAHS2017**

Our *Committee on Development & Strategic Communication*, led by Catharine Whiteside, has been working diligently to build the CAHS brand. We are excited to announce the formal launch – TODAY! – of a new Academy Website designed specifically to promote broader outreach and support comprehensive fundraising campaigns that will help us to sustain and expand our activities. Please visit the site [Here](#) and share your thoughts. A particular feature is accurately profiling our Fellows and our approach to this has been to hyperlink the name of each Fellow to their institutional site. [Fellows](#) If you have a preferred site you would like to be linked to please advise Allison directly at a.hardisty@utoronto.ca

Finally, the CAHS has achieved much over the years with a minimalist structure that has comprised contracted part-time administration - Allison Hardisty - and the volunteer time of members of our Board and Committees. We now look forward to an era of new growth facilitated by the appointment of a professional Executive Director. A search has been launched and we very much look forward to making a public announcement in the near future.

Sincerely,



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