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### Standing Committee on Annual Meeting Planning



Dear Colleagues,

Canada's West Coast in the beautiful fall! Vancouver will be the host for the 2018 Annual Forum of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Please mark the dates of September 13/14<sup>th</sup> 2018 to join your colleagues and other Fellows of the Academy as we address the

issue of chronic pain as a major source of disability and suffering in Canadian children, adults and seniors. We are very pleased that the Forum will be co-chaired by Professor Yves De Koninck from Université Laval and McGill University and Professor Patrick McGrath from Dalhousie University. The Co-Chairs have invited an outstanding panel of speakers. The Forum will engage Fellows in discussion of this issue with diverse stakeholders including government, patients, NGOs and outstanding scientists.

The timing of this Forum is highly relevant as the impact of the opioid crisis is being felt across Canada. Even though the Forum is not focusing on this crisis, the clinical management of chronic pain in Canada has become much more challenging for health practitioners and patients alike. It is a timely discourse.

The west coast of our country in September can be spectacular as the end of the summer provides warm, clear days. If travel to Vancouver is a long trip, consider a side-trip to Vancouver Island, the Okanagan wine country or the Sunshine Coast. The Forum will be held in downtown Vancouver at the Marriott Pinnacle Hotel.

The Annual Forum is the major annual event for the Academy and I would urge all Fellows to consider attending this as one of the privileges of being a part of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Please mark September 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> now!

Best wishes for 2018.

#### 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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