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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellows,

In this Newsletter we provide updates on many of our key activities. In this message I want to focus on the heart of our Academy – you! It is our Fellows who make CAHS so vibrant and influential.

First is the call for nominations for election to Fellowship, which we issued in January. The process is well described by Paul Allison, Chair, Fellowship Committee [Read more](#). The deadline is March 9, 2018. Please consider nominating a colleague. Remember, someone did the same for you.

Second, in many provinces we have active regional groups. The meetings are terrific opportunities to meet new colleagues, learn, contribute and engage more fully in the Academy. Regional updates from BC and Nova Scotia are summarized later in this Newsletter. Consider participating in your regional meeting, or get in touch with Kishor Wasan, our Secretary, if you are interested in setting up a regional group kishor.wasan@usask.ca Kish is a terrific resource!

Third, if you haven't already, please save the date for our annual Forum, which will be in beautiful Vancouver. This year's Forum and AGM will take place on September 13th and 14th and will focus on chronic pain. Planning is advanced and the Forum is shaping up to be one of our best ever. [Read more](#). I hope you will join us to meet and network with other amazing Fellows. I look forward to seeing you there.

[Linda Rabeneck MD MPH FRCPC FCAHS](#)

President

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Thank you to all the Fellows who have given me such a warm welcome in my first four months as Executive Director. It's been a whirlwind!

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The 2018 Annual Forum will be hosted in Vancouver on September 13 and 14, 2018 at the Marriott Pinnacle Hotel. BEYOND THE MORASS: A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR CHRONIC PAIN IN CANADA, led by co-Chairs Drs. YVES DE KONINCK FCAHS, FRSC and PATRICK McGRATH OC, PhD, FRSC, FCAHS, will explore a national strategy to usher in a new era of chronic pain prevention, primary care and specialist treatment and prevention in

As CAHS' federal government relations lead in Ottawa, I have been working closely with the Public Health Agency of Canada on a proposal for an assessment on dementia, as well as beginning to build CAHS' profile and exploring partnership opportunities with other national organizations. To complement CAHS' government relations work, I am working with the Committee on Development and Strategic Communications to implement a focused communications plan for 2018 which aims to raise awareness about CAHS through proactive communications in three main areas: Chronic pain (the topic of our 2018 Annual Forum); Antimicrobial Resistance (a CCA assessment on AMR will be launched soon, in follow-up to our 2017 Forum); and on Medical Assistance in Dying (when the assessment, involving several CAHS Fellows, launches later this year).

Fundraising to support CAHS activities is also a major focus of my work. If you would like to learn more about making an organizational or individual charitable gift in support of CAHS, please do get in touch.

Thanks for your support and encouragement as I settle in as your inaugural Executive Director. I look forward to the chance to meet many more of you over the coming months. It is so inspiring to work alongside CAHS Fellows to advance our mission.

Eleanor Fast Eleanor.Fast@cahs-acss.ca

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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://www.cahs-acss.ca/nominations/> The deadline for nominations is FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018.

Nominations will be adjudicated by the Fellowship Committee in April 2018. New Fellows will be inducted into the Academy at the dinner ceremony on Thursday, September 13, 2018 during the Annual General Meeting at the Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel, Vancouver.

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 2018 review meeting will be held on April 23rd. If you are interested in having your name included in a pool from which we can draw please let Allison Hardisty know at a.hardisty@utoronto.ca.

CAHS FORMS WORKING GROUP ON FELLOW ENGAGEMENT

The Academy wants to improve its Fellow engagement. An important criterion for becoming a Fellow of the CAHS is commitment to the Academy and to the achievement of its goals, particularly with a view to promoting evidence-informed policies and interventions by government and other agencies. The CAHS therefore has many Fellows who are eager to participate actively in

Canada.
Hold these dates now... you will not want to miss this excellent event!

I am delighted to report our social medial presence continues to grow with 400+ followers on our tweeter account and an average 3,000+ impressions per week!

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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the work of the Academy and the Board is very aware of this. However, the Board is also aware that while we have reached out to some Fellows to be actively engaged in the Academy's work and encouraged regional groups to rally around an active agenda, engagement with Fellows could be improved and could also have a positive effect on achieving the Academy's goals. With these observations in mind, the Board recently decided to form a Working Group on Fellow Engagement, whose mandate, in the context of the CAHS mission and strategic goals is:

- To investigate and describe how Fellows would like to be engaged;
- To develop a plan for Fellow engagement that supports the goals of the Academy;
- To describe the activities and resources necessary to fulfill that plan;
- To present this plan to the Board of CAHS by June 1st 2018, for their decision on implementation.

If you have thoughts and ideas on this subject, or would somehow like to be involved in the process, please contact the Chair of the Working Group, President-Elect Paul Allison at paul.allison@mcgill.ca

Paul Allison, President-Elect and Committee Chair

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE & NOMINATIONS

The Committee continues to seek nominations for open positions and awards. Please volunteer or nominate your colleagues in response to these calls.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – BOARD MEMBERS

Members of the CAHS Board serve two year terms. Discipline Directors and Directors at Large 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 sometime between January and June). The following members are completing their terms.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Term</i>
Secretary	Kishor Wasan	2016-2018
Treasurer	Dina Brooks	2016-2018
Discipline Director Rehabilitation Sciences	Annette Majnemer	eligible to serve a second 2-year term
Director at Large	Christopher Simpson	eligible to serve a second 2-year term
Member at Large	Marek Michalak	2016-2018

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, Carol Herbert at Carol.Herbert@schulich.uwo.ca. Formal recommendations will be made to the Board in March 2018 so we would like to hear from you before February 16, 2018.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – AWARDS

1. THE PAUL ARMSTRONG LECTURE: This Lecture, established by CAHS to honor its first President, Paul Armstrong, recognizes leadership and 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; Jean Gray*.
2. THE CAHS SCIENTIFIC LECTURE: Each year the CAHS selects one Fellow to give a 20-30 minute talk describing his/her 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 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; Martin Schechter*. Fundamental characteristics sought in these Fellows are:

- i. Track record of internationally recognized success and authority
- ii. Topic that 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

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW CATEGORIES OF FELLOW CLASSIFICATION

The Board accepted the committee's recommendation to create additional categories for classification of our Fellows, specifically, "*Social Sciences and Humanities*" and "*Public and Population Health*". Further, Fellows will be asked to specify primary and secondary categories, e.g., primary category could be "Pharmacy" and secondary could be "Public and Population Health". The Committee recommended against opening the by-laws which would be required to add any other disciplines as representational members to the Board.

Carol Herbert, Past President & Committee Chair

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT RELATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

With the assistance of Eleanor Fast, Executive Director, the Committee has approved frameworks for both federal and provincial government relations to guide our ongoing work, which specify goals and objectives and phased pathways. Eleanor is leading the federal strategy and has connected with many individual leads in federal government and at national organizations.

On October 3, 2017, the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor, federal Minister of Health, launched an external review of the eight federally funded pan-Canadian health organizations (PCHOs). A CAHS submission was prepared and submitted on behalf of the Board to encourage the coordination of efforts among the PCHOs, support the development of learning health care networks and underscore the willingness of the Academy to contribute the expertise of our Fellows.

Carol Herbert, Past President & Committee Chair

COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT & STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

The Development and Strategic Communications Committee is now engaged in seeking new opportunities for fund raising. With the assistance of members of the CAHS Board and Eleanor Fast, we are soliciting sponsors with success for our 2018 Forum. It is our intent to increase the number of sponsors and the overall funding for this important annual event. In addition, we are evaluating the opportunities for fund raising generally from both public and private sources. Recently, our Committee presented a comprehensive strategic communications plan to the CAHS Board that was approved. This plan focuses on improving communication among our Fellows and with external stakeholders and will be implemented in the coming months. Under the leadership

of Eleanor Fast, and input from experts, a more detailed planning process for effective engagement using social media is underway. Many thanks to our Committee members for their engagement in these important initiatives.

Catharine Whiteside, Committee Chair

NATIONAL FORUM

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Planning for the 2018 Forum and Annual General Meeting is proceeding nicely. This year's event, entitled *BEYOND THE MORASS: A NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR CHRONIC PAIN IN CANADA*, led by co-Chairs Drs. **Yves De Koninck** FRSC, FCAHS and **Patrick McGrath** OC, PhD, FRSC, FCAHS, will explore a national strategy to usher in a new era of chronic pain prevention, primary care and specialist treatment and prevention in Canada. The event will be held in Vancouver on September 13 and 14, 2018 at the Marriott Pinnacle Hotel. [Read more](#)

Gavin Stuart, Committee Chair, Annual Meeting Planning

HOLD THE DATES FOR FUTURE EVENTS

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

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 the 2nd Annual Saskatchewan Canadian Academy of Health Sciences Mini Symposium on November 8th, 2017 in Saskatoon to about 20-25 Fellows. We were honoured to have **Catharine Whiteside**, Professor Emerita and Former Dean of Medicine at the University of Toronto and the Executive Director of the SPOR Network in Diabetes and its Related Complications, join us as keynote speaker.

On behalf of the Academy, we formally Inducted structural biologist **Mirosław Cygler** and respirologist **Darcy Marciniuk**, both at the College of Medicine, as new CAHS Fellows as they were unable to attend the formal Induction Ceremony in Ottawa.

Saskatchewan-based CAHS Fellows have formally established their regional network and raised over \$10,000 for the group's activities. We want to thank

the Council of Health Sciences, College of Pharmacy and Nutrition and School of Public Health at the University of Saskatchewan for their support.



L-R: John Mapletolf; Larry Brawley (CAHS Fellow); Darcy Marcinuk (CAHS Fellow); Crystal Meslin; Miros Cygler (CAHS Fellow); Kishor Wasan (CAHS Fellow); Debra Morgan (CAHS Fellow); Andy Potter (CAHS Fellow); Catharine Wideside (CAHS Fellow); Jay Kalra (CAHS Fellow); Marek Romodowski; Petros Papaganakis; Gregg Adams (CAHS Fellow); Silvana Pagaganakis, John Gordon; Don Crokraft.

The Network is working with the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) to host a joint research Round Table in April 2018. More details to follow.

Report submitted by Jay Kalra and Kishor Wasan

NOVA SCOTIA



The Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation sponsored a discussion led by Dr. Stephen Bornstein (pictured left) on the recent CAHS report, *"Academic Recognition of Team Science: How to Optimize the Canadian Academic System"* of which he was an author. Dr. **Jean Gray**, provided background information on the assessment. Dr. Bornstein is a professor of Community Health and Humanities and Professor of Political Science at Memorial University as well as Director of the Newfoundland and Labrador Centre for Applied Health Research. He presented to an audience of senior academic administrators from Nova Scotia universities as well as CAHS Fellows.

On Thursday, December 7th, 2017, **Jean Gray** presented her 2017 Armstrong Lecture again in Halifax at the Dalhousie College of Pharmacy. The IMPART Seminar, entitled *The Promise and Perils of Contemporary Therapeutics* was attended by CAHS Fellows and researchers from the Dalhousie Faculties of Law, Medicine and Health as well as from the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

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

ASSESSMENT NEWS

CAHS is in the negotiation stages to initiate a new assessment, but one with a twist. At the request of the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), a rapid assessment on dementia with an abbreviated time frame is being planned (all subject to final agreement). All previous CAHS assessments have taken 18 to 24 months. The question(s) for this report arise directly from legislation to create a national strategy on dementia. CAHS has agreed to create a small panel and, because CCA staff who previously provided project management for our last assessment are fully engaged this year, an external consultant (Sonya Kupka) - who has previously assisted CAHS with an assessment - has been hired for this project.

The panel will be chaired by **Dr. Howard Bergman** (FCAHS), Chair of Family Medicine and Professor of Family Medicine, Medicine, Geriatrics and Oncology at McGill. Five other members have also agreed to join the panel.

The panel will hold three face-to-face meetings with an interim report available for PHAC in July and a final peer-reviewed report by October. The process undertaken during this abbreviated time frame will be carefully evaluated to determine whether CAHS can offer rapid assessments to other government departments in the future. Dr. Bergman has been invaluable in assisting the SCA in determining the question to be assessed and in establishing the panel in a very short time. Eleanor Fast, our new Executive Director, has been exceptional in working with the SCA, PHAC and Dr. Bergman in expeditiously moving this project forward.

Jean Gray, Chair, Standing Committee on Assessments

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Congratulations to **Iving Rootman** on the release of the 4th edition of **HEALTH PROMOTION IN CANADA** by Canadian Scholars' Press on November 30, 2017. According to Dr. Evelyn de Leeuw, Editor-in-Chief of Health Promotion International, *"I thought that the third edition of Health Promotion in Canada reached the pinnacle of insight and scholarly as well as practical support for the field—in Canada and globally. But this fourth edition weaves an even richer, more elegant, and profound tapestry. With half the book chapters new and the other half even better than before, Canadians continue to lead the way."*



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For his contributions to the advancement of cardiology, notably for his pioneering research in acute cardiac care, and for his leadership in health care institutions.

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For her extensive research contributions to the field of gerontology, notably in implementing the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging.

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For his groundbreaking work to advance our understanding of basic anatomical structures of the brain and their function.

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For his steadfast dedication to improving children's health as a champion of injury prevention through research and advocacy.

This is a promotion within the Order.

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Molly S. Shoichet, O.C., O.Ont.
Toronto, Ontario

For her cutting-edge research in biomedical engineering and for her efforts to promote women in science and to advance scientific literacy.

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Jocelyn Downie, C.M.
Halifax, Nova Scotia

For her contributions to Canadian health law and policy, notably through her efforts to promote high-quality end-of-life care.

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Thomas Erskine Feasby, C.M.
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For his visionary leadership at multiple Albertan academic and health institutions, notably for fostering excellence in neuroscience.

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Geoffrey Roy Fernie, C.M.
Toronto, Ontario

For his advancements in the field of rehabilitation engineering, notably in the development of therapies and products designed to assist individuals with limited mobility.

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Robert Hogg, C.M.
Burnaby, British Columbia

For his advancements in HIV/AIDS research, notably for his contributions toward understanding the impact of socio-demographic factors on marginalized populations living with the condition.

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Judy Illes, C.M.
Vancouver, British Columbia

For her contributions to the field of neurology, including pioneering research that has highlighted the ethical, social and legal implications of advances in neuroscience.



It is with sadness that we remember our colleague DR. **SUMIT 'ME2' MAJUMDAR**, University of Alberta, who passed away on January 19, 2018. Me2 was a well-respected and acclaimed clinician-scientist in the Division of General Internal Medicine within the Department of Medicine. He graduated from the University of Alberta School of Medicine in 1992 and was a Professor in the Department of Medicine, held a Patient Health Management Chair. His interdisciplinary research involved complex medical conditions such as osteoporosis, diabetes, hypertension, heart and lung diseases and obesity. He held funding from Alberta Innovates, CIHR and many other peer-reviewed organizations

Sumit was inducted into the Academy in 2017. We were honoured to have Sumit and his wife, Dr. Anisa Khaliq, join us in Ottawa in September and participate in the Induction Ceremony. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife, Dr. Anisa Khaliq, children and extended family.

IMPORTANT DATES

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- **MARCH 9, 2018 - DEADLINE FOR FELLOW NOMINATIONS**
- **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**

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