What an exciting year it has been for CAHS!

We are growing in size and influence while keeping true to our roots as a fellowship of health science leaders committed to serve in a volunteer capacity in order to address critical health challenges in Canada. Our Fellows really are amazing – their enthusiasm and commitment to a healthier Canada inspires me everyday.

In the past year we built upon our impressive legacy of success in evidence based assessments with the launch of our assessment on Academic Recognition of Team Science in Fall 2017. We also began work on an important new assessment on dementia, and engaged in an assessment on anti-microbial resistance being led by the Council of Canadian Academies.

Our Annual Forum is always a highlight of my year, and the 2017 Forum on anti-microbial resistance was no exception. With engaging speakers from Canada and around the world, the induction of new Fellows and an opportunity to share and learn with Fellows old and new, the 2017 Forum was a truly inspiring event.

Looking forward to 2018/19, I see a year of ambitious change as we will be seeking to position CAHS for even greater growth and impact. We will continue with our core activities, while enabling more collaboration among Fellows to really harness the potential of CAHS. This second year of my Presidency will be a building year, working closely with the Board and our professional staff to position CAHS for a jump in strategic impact in 2019.

Linda Rabeneck
President, CAHS
Celebrating Excellence

Fellowship of CAHS recognizes world-class excellence. CAHS Fellows come from across the health sciences – medicine, dentistry, nursing, rehabilitation sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, veterinary medicine, public and population health, and the social sciences and humanities. This diversity is our strength.

Each year we celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of a select group of Fellows. In 2017/18 the award recipients are:

Distinguished Fellow
Dorothy Pringle
OC RN PHD FCAHS

Paul Armstrong Lecture
Catharine Whiteside
CM MD PHD FRCP(C) FCAHS

CAHS Scientific Lecture
B. Brett Finlay
OC OBC FRSC FCAH

Cy Frank Legacy Lecture
Dame Sally Davis
FRS FMedSci

WELCOME NEW FELLOWS

Fellows are nominated by their peers and selected in a competitive process based on their internationally recognized leadership, academic performance, scientific creativity and willingness to serve Canada.

The CAHS was proud to nominate 44 new Fellows in 2017/18

Guy Boivin
Elizabeth M. Borycki
James M. Brophy
Tania M. Bubela
Michael W. Carter
Sultan Darvesh
Karen D. Davis
Susan D. Denburg
Cindy-Lee E. Dennis
Julien Doyon
Serge Dumont

Colleen M. Flood
Karen Gelmon
Richard E. Gilbert
Michael Glogauer
Mayank Goyal
Michael E. Green
Lily Hechtman
Brian D. Hodges
Nada Jabado
Marc G. Jeschke
Dermot P. Kelleher

Heather H. Keller
Timothy J. Kieffer
Mindy F. Levin
Larry D. Lynd
John R. Mackey
Glenda M. MacQueen
David C. Marsh
Heather A. McKay
Christopher McMaster
Tarik Möröy
David Mark Olson

J. Geoffrey Pickering
Janet E. Pope
Frank Prato
Donald A. Redelmeier
Robert Ross
Emil H. Schemitsch
Baljit Singh
Margaret M. Steele
Moshe Szyf
Cara Tannenbaum
Yuzhuo Wang

OUR VISION

Informed, actionable solutions that improve the health of Canadians.

OUR VALUES

CAHS is:
• Collaborative
• Unbiased
• Transparent
• Expert
• Strategic
• Independent

Canadian Academy of Health Sciences
Académie canadienne des sciences de la santé
CAHS held its 2017 Annual Forum in Ottawa in September 2017. Over 150 participants gathered in Ottawa to discuss “Strategies to control the antimicrobial resistance tsunami: is Canada doing its part?” Co-chaired by John Conly and John Prescott, the Forum included spirited interdisciplinary debate and lectures from Siddika Mithani, President of the Public Health Agency of Canada, and Marc Sprenger, Director of the Antimicrobial Resistance Secretariat at the World Health Organization, together with Canada’s top scientists in the field.

At the Forum it was announced that the CAHS will be collaborating with the Council of Canadian Academies on an assessment on The Potential Socio-economic Impacts of Antimicrobial Resistance in Canada. The Forum also resulted in an article in Macleans.
Since 2006, CAHS Fellows have served Canadians by offering their collective, expert analysis and inter-disciplinary thinking to arrive at creative and feasible solutions. These evidence-based assessments have an important impact on Canada’s health system policy and transformation of practice.

Teamwork is vital to Canada’s research efforts and incentivizing and recognizing individual contributions to team research is important to help promote Canada’s leadership in global team science. In this context, CAHS launched the assessment Academic Recognition of Team Science: How to Optimize the Canadian Academic System in September 2017. The 12 recommendations in the report are being considered by institutions and research funders and are expected to have a big impact on team science in Canada.

The Expert Panel for this assessment was: Peter MacKinnon (Chair); Stephen Bornstein; Sarah Bowen; Holly J. Falk-Krzesinski; Sara Israels; Joanne Keselman; Roderick McInnes; Carol Richards; Lorne Tyrell; Peter Walker.

Canada’s aging population and the increasing prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias pose a significant challenge for Canadian families, caregivers, and the healthcare system. In March 2018 the Minister of Health of Canada asked CAHS to provide an assessment on the state of knowledge in order to inform the development of a national dementia strategy. This assessment builds upon the CAHS 2015 Forum The Rising Tide of Dementia in Canada: Facing the Critical Challenge, and is expected to be released in late 2018.

The Expert Panel for this assessment is: Howard Bergman (Chair); David Hogan; Janice Keefe; Carrie McAiney; Debra Morgan; and Isabelle Vedel.