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Dear Colleagues,

I am very much looking forward to this year's Forum and Annual General Meeting in Ottawa at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier, **September 18-20th, 2019**. I very much hope you will join us.

Our three Co-Chairs for the Forum, Philip Berger MD, CCPC, FCAHS, Laurence Kirmayer MD, FRCPC, FCAHS, FRSC and Meb Rashid MD, CCFP, have produced a stellar program. The topic - ***Promoting Health for Refugees in an Era of Forced Migration*** - is topical, timely and highly relevant to Canadian society. Our panelists plan dynamic, interactive and thought-provoking discussions that will give everyone a chance to reflect on their own practice, research, advocacy and education in this context, and develop ideas for how they can act.

Already, through the planning process, it has become obvious that our current experience with refugee health in Canada is the tip of the iceberg. We are entering a period of mass migration, and everyone in Canada who works in health and social services will encounter the complex set of issues related to this population. The expert speakers who hail from across Canada will show that refugee health is not about a niche population, but about global issues common to all Canadians such as access to care, human rights, and child development. Effective action in refugee health and wellbeing depends on the capacity for people across the spectrum of health and social services to integrate the needs of this population into their care, teaching and research.

Register Now!

- **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, 2019.** Cancellations are subject to a non-refundable \$60.00 administrative fee. [Register Now](#)
- **Accommodation:** A block of rooms are being held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel on Wednesday, September 18 and Thursday, September 19, 2019 at the single/double rate of **Fairmont \$269**; Corner Suite \$619.00 per night plus applicable taxes. **Reservations must be made by August 23, 2019 to qualify for your group rate.** [Make Your Hotel Reservation Now](#) Alternatively, reservations can be made by calling: Reservations Toll Free: 1 866 540 4410 ; Reservations Local: 613 241 1414

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!

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We are particularly excited this year to host our **INAUGURAL PUBLIC LECTURE** on *Refugee Health*, in partnership with [Big Thinking](#). This event will be held on **Wednesday September 18th at 16:00-18:00 hrs at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier**. The keynote speaker is the well-known Canadian physician, humanitarian and advocate, [James Orbinski OC, MSC, MD, MA](#). All Fellows are welcome to attend this lecture at no cost but you are asked to register with Allison Hardisty at Allison.Hardisty@cahs-acss.ca. I truly believe this is an event you will not want to miss and encourage you to consider carefully your time of arrival in Ottawa when planning your travel arrangements.

Thursday's Forum will feature a special luncheon presentation entitled *The Right to Benefit from Science* from **BARTHA KNOPPERS** PhD, ADE, OC, OQ, FRSC, FCAHS, the 2019 Recipient of the [HENRY G FRIESEN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE IN HEALTH RESEARCH](#). In the evening we will celebrate the Induction of our NEW FELLOWS and the induction of **FREDERICK H. LOWY** MD CM and **MARTHA PIPER** OC OBC FCAHS as DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS recognizing their achievements and commitment to improving health that have been truly extraordinary.

Our Friday morning Lecture series will recognize **RODERICK R. MCINNES**, recipient of the *2019 Paul W. Armstrong Lecture Award*, and **JEHANNINE C. AUSTIN**, recipient of the 2019 CAHS Scientific Lecture. We will once again host a joint presentation of the CAHS CY FRANK LECTURE and the University of Calgary [CY FRANK LEGACY LECTURESHIP](#) commemorating our esteemed colleague who contributed so much to the Academy and to health science in Canada. **STEFAN LOHMANDER** MD, PhD from Lund University, Sweden will join us and speak to *From early-stage osteoarthritis to joint surgery: Progress and challenges to improve care for more than 4 million Canadians*.

I look forward to seeing you in Ottawa!

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