Standing Committee on Annual Meeting Planning

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that by now you have kept in your diary, the dates of September 18-20th, 2019 for our Forum and Annual General Meeting to be held in Ottawa, Ontario.

Our three Co-Chairs for the Forum, Philip Berger MD, CCPC, FCAHS, Laurence Kirmayer MD, FRCPC, FCAHS, FRSC and Meb Rashid MD, CCFP, have constructed an excellent program. With the capable assistance of Cate Creede, they have allowed for engagement of the Fellows of the Academy in the discussion. The topic for this year’s Forum “Promoting Health for Refugees in an Era of Forced Migration” is topical, timely and highly relevant to Canadian society. Cate has worked to ensure that the panelists are planning 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

In addition, this year, we are co-hosting a Public Lecture on Wednesday September 18th at 1600hrs at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier immediately preceding our Forum in order to publicly profile the issues and promote an enhanced public dialogue. The keynote speaker at this Lecture will be 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 are asked to register separately with Allison for this at Allison.Hardy@cahs-acss.ca.

The Forum program speakers are outstanding thought leaders from across Canada. Already, through the planning process, 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.

Registration is now open!
• **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

Thursday’s Forum will feature a special luncheon presentation from **BARTHA KNAPPERS PhD, ADE, OC, OQ, FRSC, FCAHS** as 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. We will also induct **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 present 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 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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Chair, Standing Committee on Annual Meeting Planning