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The 2008 Annual General Meeting has now been scheduled for September 23-24, 2008 in Toronto. Please mark your calendars. More information will be available on the CAHS website (www.cahs-acss.ca) throughout 2008.

The 2008 nomination process for the election of Fellows is now open. Nomination forms and instructions can be found online at www.cahs-acss.ca/e/fellowships/nominations.php. The deadline for nominations is March 28, 2008. Nominations will be adjudicated by the Fellowship Committee in May 2008. New Fellows will be inducted into the Academy at the dinner ceremony during the Annual General Meeting in Toronto on September 23-24, 2008.

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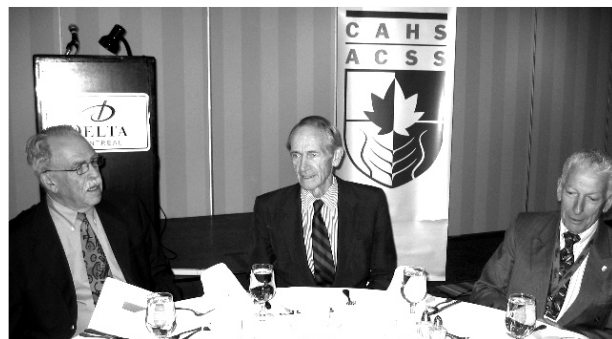
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CAHS names John Evans as first Distinguished Fellow

On September 19, Dr. John Evans, the 2007 laureate of the Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research, was chosen as the first recipient for CAHS' Distinguished Fellow designation. This honour recognizes the scope of John Evans' contributions to medical education, medical research, higher education and public policy in Canada and abroad. From the founding of the McMaster Medical School through his presidency of the University of Toronto, to his service with the World Health Organization, his pioneering leadership of the Canada Foundation for Innovation and now his leadership in the MaRS project, John Evans has been the outstanding Canadian medical leader of his generation. (See the next page for a synopsis of John Evans' two presentations during the annual CAHS meeting).



Dr. John Evans, middle, seated with Dr. Paul Armstrong, Past President of CAHS, right, and Dr. Aubie Angel, Chair of the Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research, left.

The Board of CAHS created a new category known as Distinguished Fellow at the September 19, 2007 Annual Meeting. Election to the position of Distinguished Fellow is the highest honor awarded by the Academy. It is limited to individuals who must not only meet the usual criteria for Fellowship, but whose accomplishments in the health arena are considered of such high distinction that only a select few are deemed worthy of this designation. Distinguished Fellows of the Academy would be expected to bring great distinction on the Academy. Distinguished Fellows must be nominated by five active Fellows. Adjudication is carried out by the Fellowship Committee with final approval by the Board. No more than one Distinguished Fellow may be elected each year, and there can be no more than 10 Distinguished Fellows at any time.

CAHS launches Major Assessment on the impacts of health research

CAHS is pleased to announce that the *Major Assessment on The Return on Investments in Health Research: Defining the Best Metrics* is off to a robust start. Commissioned to define the best framework and metrics to assess the return on public and private funding of health research, the Panel will produce a comprehensive report that will better enable the assessment abilities of policy-makers and health research organizations.

Following the successful official launch of the Major Assessment at a full-day forum on September 18, 2007 (www.cahs-acss.ca/e/pdfs/ROI_ForumSummary2007.pdf), the panel has been finalized. It is composed of fourteen experts from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, and the US who specialize in a variety of disciplines including law, ethics, medicine, economics, and biomedical research. The panel members bring a wealth of experience and knowledge to this crucial study, focused on addressing health research issues specific to the Canadian context.

In early November 2007, the inaugural panel meeting was held in Toronto. The meeting brought together the panel to discuss its vision for the coming year and potential frameworks and metrics that could be further investigated. The panel will meet once more before year-end to discuss a draft outline of the final report and decide its preferred framework and metrics. Two more meetings are planned before a report is submitted to the Academy (anticipated early 2009).

Assessment Panel Members

Cyril Frank (Chair), University of Calgary
Renaldo Battista, University of Montreal
Linda Butler, Australian National University
Martin Buxton, Brunel University, UK
Neena Chappell, University of Victoria
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