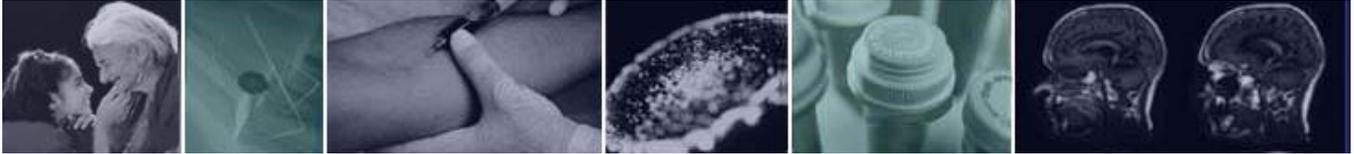




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## EVENT PROGRAM



### **Forum & Annual General Meeting**

**Thursday & Friday, September 15 & 16, 2016**

Hotel Omni Mont-Royal  
Montreal, Quebec

**AGENDA**

- 07:00 – 08:00     **REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**  
Location: FOYER AND L'ATRIUM, 1ST FLOOR
- 08:00 – 12:00     **MAJOR FORUM**  
Location: SAISONS A & B, 1ST FLOOR
- 12:00 - 13:15     **LUNCHEON**  
Location: PIERRE DE COUBERTIN, 1ST FLOOR  
- **GREETINGS FROM DR. ERIC MESLIN, PRESIDENT, COUNCIL OF CANADIAN ACADEMIES**
- 13:15-17:10     **MAJOR FORUM**  
Location: SAISONS A & B, 1ST FLOOR
- 18:00 – 19:00     **RECEPTION**  
Location: L'ATRIUM, 1ST FLOOR  
*Business dress / Tenue de ville*
- 19:00 – 22:00     **DINNER & EVENING PROGRAM**  
Location: PIERRE DE COUBERTIN, 1ST FLOOR  
*Business dress / Tenue de ville*  
- **2016 DISTINGUISHED FELLOW, DR. JEAN ROCHON**  
- **2016 FELLOW INDUCTION CEREMONY**

**MISSION, VISION VALUES**

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  - **Transparent**
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**Thursday, September 15, 2016**

08:00-17:10 MAJOR FORUM PROGRAM

## **SOLUTIONS TO INEQUITIES IN INDIGENOUS HEALTH: WHAT WORKS AND WHY?**

### **Objectives:**

- To improve understanding of the landscape and present current science
- To explore meaningful solutions and innovative strategies
- To develop the foundation for a CAHS major assessment

The health of Indigenous peoples' has been stigmatized by negative stereotypes in media, news and research reports which bias our understanding and can be more damaging than helpful. Balancing the negative with positive stories can guide us towards a better future. This year's Forum will look beyond the dysfunction of the past, towards solutions that have had success addressing inequities that exist in Indigenous health. Our goal is to identify key issues facing Canadians and researchers across in the country today and to illustrate how we can begin to move the conversation and research agenda away from a problem-based discourse towards solution-oriented research. Fellows will walk away from this event with an increased awareness of the promising practices that are making a difference in these communities. This is not a profiling of every promising practice and good intervention available today but rather a sampling of projects ranging from HIV to genetics, to medical, health services and policy research. It is a renewed way of seeing Indigenous peoples' potential for improved health and wellbeing presented through the political lens of the federal government; the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and through the innovative research of scientists working with these communities today and into the future. Fellows will reflect on how their research might contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of Indigenous peoples' particularly future generations of Indigenous children and youth.

Thank you for participating in the 2016 CAHS Forum.

Sincerely,

**Jeffrey Reading** First Nations Health Authority Chair in Heart Health and Wellness at St. Paul's Hospital and Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada and former interim Director, Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

**John O'Neil** Dean of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University

FORUM CO-CHAIRS

The Academy is most grateful for the contributions of members of the Standing Committee on Annual Meeting Planning (SCAMP) - **Drs. John Cairns, Gloria Gutman, Carol Herbert (Chair), Chris Naus, Louise Potvin and Johanne Tremblay** - for their wise counsel in the planning of this event.

AGENDA

08:00-08:05	Introduction	<b>JEFFREY READING* AND JOHN O'NEIL*</b> , FORUM CO-CHAIRS
08:05-08:10	Traditional Greeting	<b>MRS. AMELIA TEKWATONTI MCGREGOR</b> , BEAR CLAN, KAHNAWAKE MOHAWK TERRITORY
08:10-08:15	Welcome	<b>CAROL HERBERT*</b> , PRESIDENT, CANADIAN ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
08:15-08:35	Greetings	<b>ALAIN BEAUDET*</b> , PRESIDENT, CANADIAN INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH
08:35-09:30	Keynote Address	<b>CONTEXTUALIZING THE CONVERSATION: WHY ARE WE WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF INDIGENOUS HEALTH IN CANADA?</b> <i>Speaker: MALCOLM KING</i> , SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR, CIHR INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLES' HEALTH <i>Dr. Malcolm King, a member of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, is a health researcher at Simon Fraser University, joining the Faculty of Health Sciences in September 2012. In his career in pulmonary research, beginning at McGill University and then at the University of Alberta, Dr. King has developed new approaches to treat mucus clearance dysfunction in chronic lung disease, and is now working on addressing issues in airborne disease transmission, as well as research aimed at dealing with the respiratory health inequities facing Aboriginal people.</i>  <i>At the University of Alberta, he served as Chair of the Aboriginal Healthcare Careers Committee from 1993 to 2009; this training program has graduated more than 70 health professionals. Dr. King served as President of the Canadian Thoracic Society in 1999-2000, and from 2000-2004 was a member of the Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. In his role as Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health, he leads the development of a national health research agenda aimed at improving wellness and achieving health equity for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples. His achievements have been recognized by the Alberta Lung Association (1999), the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (1999), and the University of Alberta Board of Governors (2003).</i>  <i>Brief Q &amp; A for clarification</i>
09:30-10:30	Keynote Address	<b>HEALTH SOLUTIONS - WHAT IS GOING ON ELSEWHERE?</b> <i>Speaker: LINDA TUHIWAI SMITH</i> , UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO, NEW ZEALAND <i>Professor of Education and Māori Development, Pro-Vice Chancellor Māori, Dean of the School of Māori and Pacific Development and Director of Te Kotahi Research Institute at the University of Waikato in New Zealand. Linda is Principal Investigator on the NPM Project - In Pursuit of the Possible: Indigenous Well-being, an international comparative study of the conditions, strategies, catalysts and meanings that indigenous people employ to realize their aspirations for well-being. She has worked in the field of Māori education and health for many years as an educator and researcher and is well known for her work in Kaupapa Māori research.</i>  <i>Linda has published widely in journals and books. Her book Decolonizing Methodologies: Research and Indigenous Peoples (2nd ed., 2012), has been one of the most widely cited publications relating to decolonizing research practices since its publication in 1999. She was a founding Joint Director of New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence from 2002-2007 and a Professor of Education at the University of Auckland. She is a member of New Zealand's Health Research Council and the Marsden Fund Council, Chair of the Māori Health Research Committee, President of the New Zealand Association for Research in Education and Convener of the Social Sciences Assessment Panel. Most recently she was appointed to the Constitutional Advisory Panel Committee in New Zealand and the High Panel - Science, Technology and Innovation for Development in Paris.</i>  <i>Brief Q &amp; A for clarification</i>

10:30-11:00	break	<b>BREAK</b>
11:00-12:00	Plenary with panel discussion	<b>PANEL 1: RECONCILIATION AND RELATIONSHIPS: FRAMING THE ISSUES</b> <i>Introduction &amp; Panel Chair: JOHN O'NEIL*, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY</i> <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION JEFF READING*, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY</li><li>II. BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY JOSEPH GALLAGHER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FNHA</li><li>III. ETHICAL ISSUES MARLENE BRANT CASTELLANO, TRENT UNIVERSITY</li></ul> <i>ACADEMY DISCUSSION</i>
12:00-13:15		<b>LUNCH</b>  GREETINGS: DR. ERIC MESLIN, PRESIDENT & CEO, COUNCIL OF CANADIAN ACADEMIES
13:30-14:30	Plenary with panel discussion	<b>PANEL 2A HEALTH SOLUTIONS FOR THE FUTURE: PROMISING PRACTICES</b> <i>Introduction &amp; Panel Chair: STEWART HARRIS*, WESTERN UNIVERSITY</i> <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. RESPECTFUL GENETICS RESEARCH WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES ROBERT HEGELE*, WESTERN UNIVERSITY</li><li>II. HIV/AIDS AND ABORIGINAL WOMEN CHARLOTTE LOPPIE, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA</li><li>III. MENTAL HEALTH LAURENCE J. KIRMAYER*, MCGILL UNIVERSITY</li></ul> <i>ACADEMY DISCUSSION</i>
14:30-15:30	Plenary with panel discussion	<b>PANEL 2B HEALTH SOLUTIONS FOR THE FUTURE: PROMISING PRACTICES</b> <i>INTRODUCTION &amp; PANEL CHAIR: LAURENCE J. KIRMAYER*, MCGILL UNIVERSITY</i> <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I. COMPARISON FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS IN HEALTH CARE DELIVERY JOSEF LAVOIE, UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA</li><li>II. DIABETES: KAHNAWAKE EXPERIENCE ANN MACAULAY, MCGILL UNIVERSITY AND ALEX MCCOMBER, KAHNAWAKE SCHOOLS DIABETES PREVENTION PROJECT</li><li>III. ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE: NORTHERN &amp; INUIT PERSPECTIVES PIERRE AYOTTE, UNIVERSITÉ LAVAL</li></ul> <i>ACADEMY DISCUSSION</i>
15:30-15:45	Break	<b>BREAK</b>
15:45-16:15	Academy Discussion	<b>TOWARDS AN ASSESSMENT QUESTION</b>
16:15-16:50	Closing Address	<b>MARGO GREENWOOD</b> <i>Dr. Margo Greenwood, Vice President of Aboriginal Health for the Northern Health Authority and Academic Lead of the National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health, is an Indigenous scholar of Cree ancestry who is recognized provincially, nationally and internationally for her work in early childhood care and education, and in Indigenous public health. She has served with over 20 national and provincial federations, committees and assemblies, and has undertaken work with UNICEF, the United Nations, and the Canadian Reference Group to the World Health Organization Commission on Health Determinants. Margo is a Professor in both the First Nations Studies and Education programs at the University of Northern British Columbia</i>
16:50-17:00	President's Remarks	<b>CAROL HERBERT</b>

\* Fellow, Canadian Academy of Health Sciences

**Thursday, September 15, 2016**

18:00: RECEPTION; 19:00 DINNER , DISTINGUISHED FELLOW AWARD & NEW FELLOW INDUCTION CEREMONY

18:00

**RECEPTION**

19:00

**EVENING PROGRAM**

### **2016 DISTINGUISHED FELLOW**

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INTRODUCTION BY CAROL HERBERT, PRESIDENT



### **INTERFACES BETWEEN SCIENCE AND POLICY**

#### **JEAN ROCHON**

Jean Rochon has a triple career as an academic, a specialist in public health and a politician. He holds a Bachelor of laws from Université de Montréal, a doctorate in medicine from Université Laval and a doctorate in public health from Harvard University. He was awarded an honorary doctorate by Université catholique de Louvain.

He assumed the duties of director of the Department of social and preventive medicine (1970-1979) and dean of the Faculty of medicine (1979-1985) at Université Laval. He left this position to chair the Commission of inquiry on health and social services formed by the Government of Quebec. After the presentation of the report in early 1988, he joined the World Health Organization first as director of programs at the Regional Office for Europe and then as director of the Division of Health protection and promotion at the WHO headquarters in Geneva. Subsequently, he was a member of the Government of Quebec from 1994 to 2003 and successively assumed the positions of Minister of Health and Social Services, Minister of Research, Science and Technology, Minister of Employment and Social Solidarity and Minister of labour.

He has been awarded the R.D. Defries award by the Canadian Public Association (CPHA), the Distinction santé durable by the Association de santé publique du Québec (ASPQ), the Andreja Stamlar medal by the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) and the prize of the Association des administratrices et administrateurs de recherche universitaire du Québec (ADARUQ). He has been appointed as an officer of the Ordre national du Québec.

He is Professor Emeritus at Université Laval, adjunct professor at Université de Montréal and attached as a consultant to the Institut national de santé publique du Québec.

### **NEW FELLOW INDUCTION CEREMONY**

*Detail in evening program*

22:00

**END OF SESSION**

**Friday, September 16, 2016**

07:00-07:55 NEW FELLOW ORIENTATION; 08:00-10:30 AWARD PRESENTATIONS

## Agenda

07:00-08:00

### FELLOW BREAKFAST

Location: L'ATRIUM, 1ST FLOOR

07:00-08:00

### PAST PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST

Location: PETIT SALON, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR

07:00-07:55

### NEW FELLOW ORIENTATION

*With Linda Rabeneck*

Location: SALON PRINTEMPS, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR

*Please collect breakfast from L'ATRIUM*

08:00-08:10

### WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS DR. CAROL HERBERT, PRESIDENT

Location: SAISONS A & B, 1ST FLOOR

08:10-08:35



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### THE CAHS SCIENTIFIC LECTURE

*Recognizing the outstanding qualities of a CAHS Fellow and his/her state of the art research in a given field of investigation.*

INTRODUCTION BY CAROL HERBERT, PRESIDENT

## ASSISTED DYING IN CANADA: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

JOCELYN DOWNIE M.A., M.LITT.,L.L.B, L.L.M., S.J.D.



Jocelyn Downie is an internationally recognized expert in the intersecting areas of health, law, policy, and ethics. Of particular relevance to the CAHS Scientific Lecture, she served as the Special Consultant to the Senate Committee on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, published *Dying Justice: A Case for the Decriminalization of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide*

(which won the Abbyann D. Lynch Medal in Bioethics from the Royal Society of Canada), and was a member of the Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel on End of Life Decision-Making, the legal team in *Carter v. Canada*, and the Provincial-Territorial Expert Advisory Group on Physician-Assisted Dying.

08:35-0840

ACADEMY DISCUSSION

08:40-09:15

## A joint CAHS-University of Calgary Inaugural Presentation



### **THE CAHS CY FRANK LECTURE**

*Recognizing leadership & commitment to advance academic health sciences through the development or incorporation of evidence based practices that make substantial improvements to the health care system.*

### **THE CY FRANK LEGACY LECTURESHIP**

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INTRODUCTION BY JON MEDDINGS  
DEAN, CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

## **THE PROMISE OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES IN THE 21ST CENTURY – A REVISIT**

ALAN BERNSTEIN OC, PhD, FCAHS, FRSC



Alan Bernstein is a world renowned health leader, researcher and mentor. He made important discoveries in stem cell and cancer research, publishing more than 225 papers. His work on the KIT gene is classic, still often cited, and is the basis for important advances in cancer therapy. Dr. Bernstein received his Honours BSc in Mathematics and Physics from University of Toronto, was awarded the James Loudon Gold Medal in Physics, and completed his PhD. His postdoctoral research was completed at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Laboratory, London, U.K., where he began his work on retroviruses. Dr. Bernstein was the first President of CIHR, first Executive Director for the Global HIV Vaccine Enterprise and currently serves as the President & Chief Executive Officer of CIFAR. In 2005, Dr. Bernstein delivered the Inaugural CAHS Forum Keynote Address.

09:15-0:920

ACADEMY DISCUSSION



**THE PAUL ARMSTRONG LECTURE**  
*Recognizing leadership & commitment to advance academic health sciences through academic service and innovation at local, national and international levels and achievements that are truly extraordinary.*

INTRODUCTION BY CAROL HERBERT, PRESIDENT



**REFLECTIONS: THE ACADEMY AND THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

ELDON R. SMITH OC, MD, LLD(Hon), FRCPC, FCAHS, FAHA, FIACS

An Emeritus Professor of Medicine at the University of Calgary, Dr. Smith has enjoyed a celebrated career focused on research into circulatory mechanics, exercise physiology and echocardiography. He has published more than 250 papers and book chapters, served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Cardiology* and he has been recognized extensively by numerous prestigious local, national and international awards including Officer of the Order of Canada (2005). He’s had an illustrious senior leadership career at the University of Calgary serving as Chair of Medicine, Associate Dean and ultimately Dean of Medicine (1992-97). Dr. Smith is past-President of both the Canadian Cardiovascular Society and the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges and past Vice President of the Inter-American Society of Cardiology. The Founding President of the Peter Lougheed Medical Research Foundation - a national initiative to support excellence in health research in Canada - Dr. Smith continues to serve as Chair of the Advisory Board of the Libin Cardiovascular Institute of Alberta. Complementing his extensive and exemplary public service is his commitment as Director of a number of publicly traded companies including Intellipharmaceutics International Inc, Resverlogix Corp and Aston Hill Financial.

09:55-10:00

ACADEMY DISCUSSION

10:00-10:30

**BREAK**

10:30-12:30

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting is a closed meeting for CAHS Fellows only. The agenda and associated materials will be circulated at the meeting.

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**2017 FORUM & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday & Friday, September 14 & 15, 2017

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