



2019 FCIHR Roundtable at U Ottawa – September 19, 2019 – “Impacts of Disruptive New Technologies on Society: Role of the Academy”

Left to Right: Dr. Ronald Cohn, Dr. Bruce McManus, Dr. Alan Bernstein, Dr. Henry Friesen, Dr. Kym Boycott, Prof. Bartha Knoppers, Dr. Colleen Flood, Dr. Eric Meslin, Dr. Dean Fergusson, Dr. David Naylor and Dr. Aubie Angel.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As 2019 draws to a close, it is worth recounting highlights of FCIHR activities. It has been a busy and productive year.

Dr. David Naylor completed his multiple responsibilities as the 2018 Laureate and **Prof. Bartha Knoppers** was introduced as the 2019 Laureate. Dr. Naylor visited 5 university centres across Canada, in addition to the major U Ottawa-based program. His Friesen Prize Lecture elaborated on the principal notion that health research has evolved into a Data Science that is amplified by the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The title of his recent talks at the Friesen Prize Institutional visits embodies this notion: *“The Long Road to Precision Healthcare – with a Short Detour into AI”*

Once again, U Ottawa hosted the 2019 Friesen Prize Program on September 17-19, 2019 and the Award was bestowed on Prof. Bartha Knoppers, Director, Centre of Genomics and Policy, McGill University. A Leaders’ Breakfast co-sponsored by CHEO RI was organized in collaboration with the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS). Prof. Knoppers was introduced to Ottawa-based senior leaders in biomedicine, genomics, law and ethics. Her Friesen Lecture was delivered at the Pavillon Roger Guindon, U Ottawa, and was entitled: *“Scientific Breakthroughs: The Prohibition Reflex (From IVF to AI)”*.

We note the productive collaboration with U Ottawa in the 2019 FCIHR Roundtable co-chaired by Dr. Eric Meslin and Dr. Colleen Flood. A distinguished panel of participants addressed the theme, as noted in the banner.

Prof. Knoppers set the tone with her Keynote talk entitled: *“Gene Editing and the Rights of Children”*. The Proceedings of the 2019 FCIHR Roundtable will be published on the FCIHR web site: www.fcibr.ca

Prof. Bartha Knoppers was fêted at an Award Dinner with podium remarks from **Prof. Jacques Frémont** (President, U Ottawa), **Dr. Mona Nemer** (Chief Science Advisor of Canada) and a Tribute by **Dr. Michael Strong** (President, CIHR). The 2019 Cy Frank Distinguished Service Award of Friends of CIHR was also presented on this occasion to **Dr. Bruce McManus**, Vice President, Friends of CIHR. On September 19th, 2019, **Prof. Bartha Knoppers** delivered a Luncheon Address at the annual meeting of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences entitled: *“Realizing the Right to Benefit from Science”*.

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Dr. Aubie Angel, President, FCIHR



2019 Friesen Prize Award Presentation to

Prof. Bartha Knoppers – Rideau Club, Ottawa

L to R: **Dr. David Naylor**, FP 2018; **Dr. Alan Bernstein**, FP 2017; **Prof. Bartha Knoppers**; **Dr. Aubie Angel**, President and **Dr. Henry Friesen**, Dist. Prof. Emeritus.



On Sept. 18, 2-19, **Dr. Bruce McManus** (centre), VP, FCIHR, was presented with the 2019 Cy Frank Distinguished Service Award of Friends of CIHR. Dr. McManus is holding a glass tower memento inscribed: *"For exceptional contributions to the advancement of FCIHR mission and goals".*



Dr. Lori West, the Inaugural Janet Rossant Lecturer, displays a glass tower acknowledging her Award and achievements. Looking on, Dr. Aubie Angel, President, and Dr. Janet Rossant.

Inaugural Janet Rossant Lectureship (2019)

The Inaugural Janet Rossant Lecture (2019) was delivered at Massey College on March 20th, 2019 by **Dr. Lori West**, MD, DPhil, FRCPC, FRSC, FCAHS, Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, University of Alberta and Director, Alberta Transplantation Institute. The title of the Lecture was: *"Heart Transplantation through the Ages: A Success Story"* on the occasion of the 2019 Massey Grand Rounds (MGR) Symposium. This Lectureship was established to honour Dr. Janet Rossant, President of the Gairdner Foundation, for her distinguished career as a scientist, builder and mentor in Medical Research.

U of T Friesen Prize Institutional visit

On October 16th-17th, 2019, Prof. Knoppers undertook her first Friesen Prize Institutional visit hosted by the University of Toronto (Major Sponsor) and related institutions, including Massey College, the Joint Centre for Bioethics, Ontario Genomics and McLaughlin Centre. Prof. Knoppers participated fully at student gatherings, at the U of T Friesen Lecture and at the Toronto Roundtable with senior scientists. FCIHR is grateful to **Dr. Vivek Goel**, Vice-President, Research and Innovation, and Strategic Initiatives, U of T, and staff for their organizational support, hospitality and long-term continuing Major Sponsorship of the Friesen Prize Program.



Dr. Michael Strong, President, CIHR offers Tribute remarks to Prof. Bartha Knoppers at her Award Dinner.

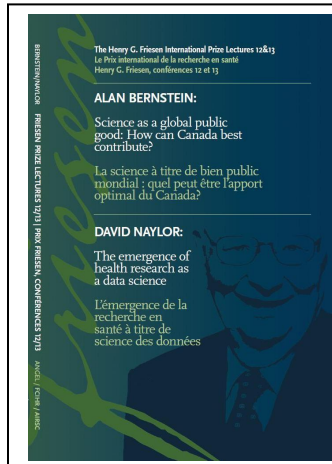


Dr. Jennifer Gibson, Director, Joint Centre for Bioethics, U of T, chaired the FCIHR Roundtable during Prof. Knoppers' U of T Friesen Prize Institutional visit. Dr. Gibson convened a gathering of graduate students to meet with Prof. Knoppers.



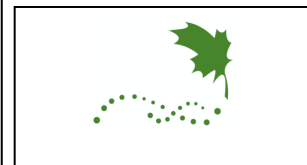
Dr. Sonia Anand

The 2020 Janet Rossant Lecturer is **Dr. Sonia Anand**, MD, PhD, FRCPC, CAHS, Professor of Medicine, McMaster University, who will speak at the 2020 Massey Grand Rounds Symposium on March 25th, 2020. She will speak on: *"Understanding the influence of gender and ancestral origin on the development of cardiovascular disease -a life-course perspective."*



Here is **Book #6** of the Friesen Prize Lectures published 2019 by Friends of CIHR.

Free copies are available upon request.





Dr. David Naylor, 2018 Friesen Prizewinner, and **Dr. Hanne Ostergaard**, Associate Dean Research, U Alberta.

Friesen Prize Institutional visits – Dr. David Naylor

Dr. David Naylor, 2018 Friesen Prizewinner, visited and spoke at 5 major centres (McGill, U Manitoba, UBC, U Calgary and U Alberta). In January 2019, Dr. Naylor visited McGill University, hosted by **Dr. Martha Crago**, Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation). At U Manitoba, **Dr. Peter Nickerson**, Vice Dean Research, hosted Dr. Naylor. At UBC, **Dr. Gail Murphy**, **Dr. Helen Burt** and **Dr. Dermot Kelleher** organized a full schedule. **President Santa Ono** chaired a university-wide Forum in Dr. Naylor's honour. Dr. Naylor completed his Western Canadian Tour at U Calgary (Host: **Dean Jon Meddings**) and U Alberta in Edmonton (Host: Interim **Dean Dennis Kunimoto**). Note: Our Institutional visits serve to inspire the next generation of scientists, educators and practitioners.



2019 Friesen Prize Public Forum Lecture at U Ottawa.
Dr. Henry Friesen greeting
Prof. Nathalie Des Rosiers, Principal, Massey College,
at her inaugural year as <<Maitresse de Cérémonie>>.



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2020 is a milestone year for Friends of CIHR, as it marks our 20th anniversary. This calls for celebratory events to engage our members and remind the broader public of our good works. Stay tuned for further plans.



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