

A REPORT ON SIR PAUL NURSE'S INSTITUTIONAL VISIT TO MCGILL UNIVERSITY ON DECEMBER 8TH, 2015 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HENRY G. FRIESEN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE IN HEALTH RESEARCH

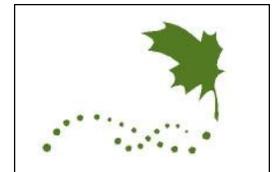
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Following the Ottawa program of the Friesen Prize celebrations, Sir Paul Nurse travelled to Montreal and joined Suzanne Fortier, Principal and Vice-Chancellor; Dr. Rosie Goldstein, Vice-Principal, Research and International Relations; David Eidelman, Vice-Principal, Health Affairs and Dean, Faculty of Medicine; as well as leading researchers Nahum Sonenberg, David Y. Thomas and students Dana Pearl and Nathaniel Robichaud for a lunch reception.



Sir Paul Nurse delivered the Friesen lecture, "Trial and Error: The Politics of Science", to an audience of approximately 120 people. He reflected on the critical role of researchers as advocates for science and facilitators of scientific information in the formulation of public policy.

(l-r) Nathaniel Robichaud, PhD Student; Dana Pearl, M.Sc. Student; Dr. Rosie Goldstein, Vice-Principal, Research and International Relations; Dr. David Eidelman, Dean of Medicine & Vice-Principal of Health Affairs; Sir Paul Nurse; Nahum Sonenberg, James McGill Professor, Department of Biochemistry; David Thomas, Professor, Department of Biochemistry; Nick Baker, British Consul General in Montreal; Mario Rivero Huguet, UK Science and Innovation Officer, British Consulate in Montreal; Dr. Anne McKinney, Associate Vice-Principal, Research and International Relations; Antonia Maioni, Associate Vice Principal, Research and International Relations.



Sir Paul participated in a roundtable discussion, *Enhancing Research through International Collaboration with McGill experts*, including Professors Sonenberg, Alan Evans, Stephen Yue, as well as Mr. Marc Lepage of Genome Quebec, among others. This vibrant exchange explored how international collaboration has become integral to research efforts in an era of increasingly complex societal and scientific problems, big data, and the knowledge economy. Sir Paul shared his perspective on the best practices for open, productive international collaboration among research-intensive universities.

"Sir Paul Nurse's visit was an exciting opportunity to encourage more discussions on McGill's campuses about how international partnerships can produce solutions to some of the world's most complex problems," said Rosie Goldstein, Vice-Principal, Research and International Relations. "We were honoured to host one of the world's leading researchers at McGill."

McGill University thanks Dr. Aubie Angel, President, Friends of Canadian Institutes of Health (CIHR), and the Friends of CIHR for their role in organizing this special Friesen Prize lecture program at McGill in collaboration with McGill's Research and International Relations.

