



2018 Spotlight on FCIHR



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2018 Friesen Prize Lecture at U Ottawa – November 6th, 2018 – Left to Right: **Dr. Lorne Tyrrell** (Director, Li Ka Shing Institute of Virology, U Alberta), **Dr. Bernard Jasmin** (Dean of Med, U Ottawa), **Dr. Henry Friesen** (Distinguished Prof. Emeritus, U Manitoba), **Dr. Alex MacKenzie** (Senior Scientist, CHEO RI; FCIHR Exec.), **Dr. Mona Nemer** (Chief Scientist of Canada), **Dr. David Naylor** (President Emeritus, U of T; 2018 Friesen Prizewinner), **Dr. Aubie Angel** (President, FCIHR), **Dr. Janet Rossant** (President, Gairdner Foundation; 2016 Friesen Prizewinner), **Dr. Alan Bernstein** (President, CIFAR; 2017 Friesen Prizewinner), **Dr. Bruce McManus** (CEO, PROOF Centre, UBC; FCIHR Exec.) & **Dr. Linda Rabeneck** (President, CAHS; FCIHR Board).

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2018 was replete with significant milestones in health research in Canada, starting with a substantial increase in the funding of Science. This was driven in part by the Federal government’s vision of a knowledge-based economy and of the wide endorsement of **Dr. David Naylor’s** Report on “*Canada’s Fundamental Science Review*”.

As well, insightful and effective leadership of CIHR with **Dr. Rod McInnes**, as Acting President, stabilized a fractured institution and set the stage for the appointment of our new President, **Dr. Michael Strong** (past Dean of Med, UWO), as of October 1st, 2018. Congratulations and thank you to Dr. Strong for taking on this vital responsibility, on behalf of Canada’s health science community.

Our national program of Institutional visits by Friesen Laureates continues to reinforce the impact of Friends of CIHR. It affords the opportunity to promote our goals and purposes through a platform of convened gatherings of students, early career scientists, institutional leaders and policy makers at many centres across Canada. **Dr. Alan Bernstein** (2017 Friesen Prizewinner) criss-crossed the country giving Friesen Lectures, explaining the social and economic value of Science in Canada and AI as a priority focus of Federal support.

The 2018 Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research and Policy was bestowed on



2018 Friesen Prize Award Presentation to Dr. David Naylor

L to R: **Dr. Henry Friesen** (Distinguished Prof. Emeritus, U Manitoba), **Dr. Alan Bernstein** (President, CIFAR; 2017 Friesen Prizewinner), **Dr. David Naylor** (President Emeritus, U of T; 2018 Friesen Prizewinner), **Dr. Aubie Angel** (President, FCIHR) & **Dr. Janet Rossant** (President, Gairdner Foundation; 2016 Friesen Prizewinner).

Dr. C. David Naylor on November 6th, 2018 in Ottawa, where he participated in a number of events, including the Leaders’ Breakfast and Public Lecture. Dr. Naylor’s Friesen Lecture drew attention to the history of Evaluative Sciences over the years and the emergence of health research as a Data Science. His brilliant exposition to a standing room only audience at Pavillon Roger-Guindon can be viewed online at: <http://www.fcihr.ca/prize/>

Dr. Aubie Angel, President, FCIHR



2018 Friesen Prize Public Forum Lecture at U Ottawa

L to R: **Dr. Aubie Angel** (President, FCIHR), **Dr. Bernard Jasmin** (Dean of Med, U Ottawa), **Dr. David Naylor** (President Emeritus, U of T; 2018 Friesen Prizewinner), **Dr. Mona Nemer** (Chief Scientist of Canada) & **Dr. Sylvain Charbonneau** (VP Research, U Ottawa).



FRIENDS OF CIHR AWARD OF HONOUR

Dr. Rod McInnes was presented with the Friends of CIHR Award of Honour on November 6, 2018: *“For significant and sustained contributions to health research in Canada”*. This Award acknowledges Dr. McInnes’ outstanding stewardship of CIHR, as Acting President (2017-2018).

U OTTAWA HOSTS 2018 FRIESEN PRIZE LECTURE AND ROUNDTABLE

U Ottawa hosted this year’s celebrations featuring **Dr. David Naylor**, who held forth at multiple gatherings, including the annual Friesen Lecture, as well as a Roundtable on, *“Strategies for Advancing Health Research Funding”*. **Dr. Bernard Jasmin**, new Dean of Medicine at U Ottawa and **Dr. Lorne Tyrrell**, Director, Li Ka Shing Institute of Virology, U Alberta, co-chaired the Roundtable and **Dr. Bruce McManus** gave the Keynote entitled, *“Nurtured Science – One Pillar of a Healthy Society”*. The speakers/authors at the Roundtable included: **Dr. Alan Bernstein**, **Dr. Martha Crago**, **Dr. Marc Carrier**, **Dr. Vivek Goel**, **Dr. Carolina Ilkow**, **Ms. Pari Johnston**, **Dr. Rod McInnes**, **Dr. Linda Rabeneck**, **Dr. Lynne-Marie Postovit** (Discussant) and Rapporteur **Dr. Reinhart Reithmeier**. In keeping with our policy to share our deliberations with the widest possible audience, Proceedings of our Roundtables are published and featured on the FCIHR web site. Sample title pages of past Proceedings are featured below and reflect our interest in supporting young scientists at the start

of their careers. We note our appreciation to **Dean Bernard Jasmin** for hosting the 2018 Roundtable and underwriting the amenities.

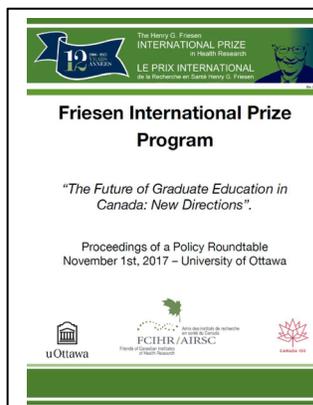


A TRIBUTE TO LEADERSHIP

L to R: **Dr. Michael Strong**, President, CIHR (2018) & **Dr. Henry G. Friesen**, creative force in establishing CIHR in 2000, Honorary Director, FCIHR.

NATIONAL FORUM AT CSPC2018

On November 7th, 2018, Friends of CIHR organized and sponsored for the second year in a row the Opening Plenary Session at CSPC2018 entitled, *“How can better federal-provincial collaboration strengthen Canada’s research ecosystem?”*. **Dr. Gilles Patry** chaired and **Dr. David Naylor** gave the Keynote talk entitled, *“Inter-jurisdictional Synergy in the Canadian Research Realm: Time for Action”*. He emphasized the importance of federal-provincial-territorial collaboration as the recipe for efficiencies and progress in our Science agenda. Other participants included: **Dr. Mona Nemer** (Chief Scientist of Canada), **Dr. Michael Strong** (President,



CIHR), **Dr. Janet Rossant** (President, Gairdner Foundation), **Mr. Marc LePage** (President and CEO, Genome Canada) and **Ms. Krista Connell** (President, Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation). Publication of the Proceedings of the FCIHR Forum at CSPC2018 will be available shortly through CSPC2018.



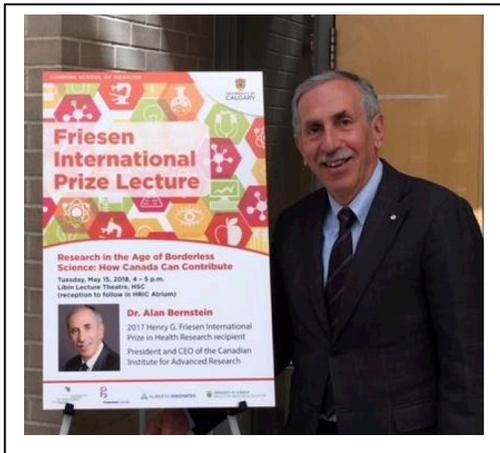
THE JANET ROSSANT LECTURESHIP

The Janet Rossant Lectureship was established at Massey College, University of Toronto, in recognition of Dr. Rossant's distinguished career as a scientist, scholar, builder and leader in medical research. Her dedicated mentorship of young scientists and scholars is reflected in the purpose of this honour. The Inaugural Lecturer is **Lori J. West**, MD, DPhil, Director, Alberta Transplant Institute, who will speak at the 2019 Massey Grand Rounds (MGR) Symposium on March 20, 2019 in Toronto.

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INSTITUTIONAL VISITS & FRIESEN LECTURES



Dr. Alan Bernstein (2017 Friesen Prizewinner) visited and spoke at 5 major centres during 2018. In January 2018, Dr. Bernstein visited McGill (Host: **Dr. Martha Crago**, VP Research & International), U Manitoba (Host: **Dean Brian Postl**) and UBC (Hosts: **Dr. Gail Murphy** and **Dean Dermot Kelleher**). In May 2018, **Dr. Alan Bernstein** completed his Western Canadian visits at U Calgary (Host: **Dean Jon Meddings**) and U Alberta in Edmonton (Host: the late **Dean Richard Fedorak**). We thank our Major Sponsor Alberta Innovates and the aforementioned universities for their hospitality and continuing support of our mission to engage and inspire the upcoming generation of scientists, educators and practitioners.



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Star Watching at 2018 Friesen Prize Program Ottawa – November 6th, 2018



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**ROUNDTABLE AT U OTTAWA – November 6th, 2018
"Strategies for Advancing Health Research Funding"**



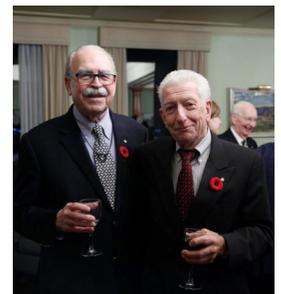
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