BACKGROUNDER

Dr. John Robert Evans

Winner of the 2007 Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research

Citizenship/Nationality: Canadian

Education & Training

Undergraduate Medical Training:

University of Toronto (graduated in 1952) Oxford University, D. Phil (1953 – 1955)

Specialty Medical Training (Internal Medicine & Cardiology):

National Heart Hospital, London (1955 – 1956) Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto (1956 – 1957) Toronto General Hospital, Toronto (1957 – 1959) Hospital for Sick Children (1959 – 1960) FRCP (C) (1960)

Career Chronology

Early Years:

- ▶ Member of the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto (1960 1965)
- ➢ Consulting physician at the Toronto General Hospital (1960 − 1965)
- Appointed Founding Dean of the McMaster University Faculty of Medicine in Hamilton, Ontario (1965 1972)

1972-78: Served as President of the University of Toronto

1978: Defeated Liberal candidate in federal by-election, Rosedale

1979: Undertook an international study of education for public health and population-based medicine supported by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to the University of Toronto

1979-83: Served as Director of the Population, Health and Nutrition Department of the World Bank in Washington

1983: Returned to Toronto as Chairman and C.E.O. of Allelix Inc., a biotechnical research company

Present Chair Positions Held:

Dr. Evans serves as the Chairman of the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR), Chairman of the MaRS Discovery District, as well as Co-Chair of the Toronto Regional Research Alliance.

Past Chair Positions Held:

Dr. Evans is past Chairman of the Canada Foundation for Innovation (Ottawa), Torstar Corporation (Toronto) and Alcan Inc. (Montreal). He is also past Chair of the Walter and Duncan Gordon Charitable Foundation; the Board of Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation; the Global Stewardship Initiative of the Pew Charitable Trusts; and the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences.