

2010 SPOTLIGHT ON FCIHR

DECEMBER 2010



PRESIDENT'S POINT

As 2010 comes to a close and our 10th anniversary becomes history, it is worth highlighting some of our accomplishments. We celebrated the 5th anniversary of the Henry G. Friesen International Prize Program and the 3rd anniversary of our collaboration with the Canadian Society of Clinical Investigation (CSCI). These activities demonstrate our support for health research and the scientists dedicated to acquiring new knowledge and advancing our nation's health.

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2010 HENRY G. FRIESEN INTERNATIONAL PRIZE IN HEALTH RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Friesen Prize Program was celebrated in Ottawa on September 29th-30th, 2010 honouring this year's Laureate Dr. Shirley M. Tilghman, President of Princeton University. Dr. Tilghman was introduced to dignitaries at a "Leaders' Breakfast" jointly hosted by FCIHR and the University of Manitoba. She was glowingly introduced by Dr. Reinhart Reithmeier, Board Member and Chair of Dept. of Biochemistry, University of Toronto. Opening Remarks and Welcoming Comments were provided by Dr. Digvir Jayas, VP Research, University of Manitoba. Dr. Tilghman then engaged in a lively discussion with the assembled crowd. Later that afternoon, she gave a Public Lecture at Tabaret Hall, University of Ottawa. She was welcomed by President and Vice Chancellor Allan Rock and introduced by Heather Munroe-Blum, Principal of McGill University. Dr. Tilghman discussed, "Science and Enterprise as a Social Good: The Role of Universities". That evening, an Award Dinner took place at Rideau Club. Dr. Tilghman's citation read: "For her outstanding leadership in genetic research, in science policy and education and advancing the role of women in science."

On September 30th, Dr. Tilghman spoke at a Luncheon of the Canadian Academy of Health

Sciences with US ambassador David Jacobson in attendance.

While in Ottawa, President Tilghman met with a number of senior advisory groups in government and had significant media exposure with CBC Radio and television, the Globe & Mail and others.

INSTITUTIONAL VISIT AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

On September 30th and October 1st, Principal Daniel Woolf, Queen's University, sponsored Dr. Tilghman's visit to her Alma Mater. She spoke at a dinner of the Chemistry Innovation Council where a framed reprint of her first published research project under the guidance of Dr. Saul Wolfe and Dr. Albert Norris at the Dept. of Chemistry was unveiled in her honour. Chancellor David Dodge hosted a Leaders' Breakfast and introduced Dr. Tilghman to senior university notables and civic dignitaries including the mayor and chief of police. She spoke about the unique and significant contributions of Queen's University to the city and community. Dr. Tilghman spoke at a Public Forum on the issue of gender disparity: "Women in Science: Bridging the Gender Gap in Science and Technology." A fine luncheon at the Chancellor's residence concluded her formal duties. Before departing for home, Mr. Paul Kennedy of CBC Radio One "Ideas" recorded an interview that will be broadcast on CBC Radio mid January 2011.

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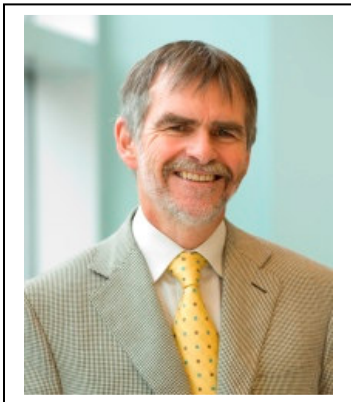
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PUBLICATIONS AND PODCASTS

Dr. Tilghman's talks are podcast online at: www.fcihr.ca and will be translated and published in book form, as volume 2 of the Friesen Prize Lectures.

FOUNDERS' AWARD

A New Award was established by Friends of CIHR, entitled the "Founders' Award" commemorating our 10th anniversary and was presented at the annual meeting of CSCI on September 21st, 2010 in Ottawa.



Dr. Duncan Stewart, President and CEO of the Ottawa Health Research Institute (OHRI) was the inaugural awardee and the title of his talk was, "Challenges in translating innovative

therapeutics to the clinic". The Award was presented by Dr. Angel.

2010 SYMPOSIA

On May 5, 2010 in Ottawa, the YI Forum organized by the CIHR Institute of Cardiovascular and Respiratory Health (ICRH) featured a FCIHR session entitled, "Better Health for Heart and Lung Patients with a Personalized Approach – New Tools, Many Challenges & Rapid Progress". This symposium, chaired by Dr. Aubie Angel and Dr. Bruce McManus, was the 6th time FCIHR has joined the YI Forum in an effort to provide trainees and fellows with new insights and advances in the cardiovascular and respiratory sciences. Featured speakers included: Dr. Bob Roberts, Dr. Sergio Baranzini and Dr. Peter Paré.

In collaboration with CSCI, a symposium was organized on September 21st, 2010 in Ottawa entitled, "Technology in Medicine". Featured speakers included: Dr. Bruce McManus, Dr. Peter Dirks, Dr. PJ Devereaux and Dr. Duncan Stewart.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2011 FRIESEN PRIZE

DEADLINE: January 17, 2011

Nominations for the 2011 Friesen International Prize are welcome. Members are encouraged to submit nominations. Forms and terms are available at www.fcihr.ca/prize.

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