

NOVEMBER 2014



## Notables – Friesen Prize Program Events – September 17, 2014 – Ottawa

Left to Right: **Dr. Aubie Angel**, President, Friends of CIHR; **Dr. Henry G. Friesen**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Manitoba; **Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui**, 2014 Friesen Prizewinner; **Dr. Harvey V. Fineberg**, 2013 Friesen Prizewinner; Dr. Cy Frank, President & CEO, Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions (AIHS); **Dr. Bruce McManus**, Vice-President, FCIHR

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The past year was exceptional in that Friends of CIHR participated in a rich array of offerings. The Friesen Prize Program included a record number of events at multiple centres across the country featuring two Friesen Prizewinners. In January 2014, **Dr. Harvey V. Fineberg**, 2013 Friesen Prizewinner, visited the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba and St. Boniface General Hospital. In March 2014, he also visited the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta (Edmonton). This past September, **Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui**, 2014 Friesen Prizewinner, visited the U of Toronto and U Ottawa and lectured to four different audiences.



### 2014 Friesen Prize Award Presentation - Citation

*"For scientific achievement in the discovery of the Cystic Fibrosis gene and for visionary academic leadership globally."*

L to R: **Dr. Aubie Angel**, President, FCIHR; **Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui**, 2014 Friesen Prizewinner & **Dr. John Cairns**, President, CAHS.  
Sept. 17, 2014 – Canadian Museum of History



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2015 FRIESEN PRIZE

**DEADLINE: January 16, 2015**

Nominations for the 2015 Friesen International Prize are welcome. Members are encouraged to submit nominations. Forms and terms are available at [www.fcihr.ca/prize](http://www.fcihr.ca/prize)

## INSTITUTIONAL VISITS – WPG - Jan. 13-14, 2014

Dr. Fineberg joined us in the winter months and in Winnipeg, participated in clinical rounds and talked about **"Safety in Cardiac Sciences"**. He also delivered the Annual **John P. Maclean** Memorial Lecture of the Department of Internal Medicine, U Manitoba hosted by **Dr. Dan Roberts**, Head of Medicine. Dr. Fineberg discussed, **"Quality, Safety and Value in Health Care"**. He also engaged dozens of senior Faculty, members, interested leaders, scientists and students during his stay. We are grateful to **Dr. Brian Postl**, Dean of Medicine, U Manitoba and **Dr. Peter Nickerson**, U Manitoba, and **Dr. Michel Tétreault**, CEO, St. Boniface General Hospital for their personal participation, support and hospitality.

**INSTITUTIONAL VISITS TO U CALGARY MARCH 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2014:** Dr. Fineberg visited U Calgary, hosted by **Dean Jon Meddings**. The gatherings in Calgary (and in Edmonton which followed), were organized through **Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions (AIHS)** so that academic, government and scientific leadership could meet, socialize and discuss issues of interest with Dr. Fineberg. **Dr. Bill Ghali** and **Dr. Lynn McIntyre**, Scientific Directors, Institute for Public Health convened a breakfast session providing an opportunity to explain programs and activities focused on community health and inequities in health care pertaining to chronic disease, the environment and critical care. **Dr. Tom Feasby** and **Dr. Tom Noseworthy** met with Dr. Fineberg, as did **Dr. Morley Hollenberg**, together with a group of medical students. The Friesen Prize Public Lecture entitled, **“Quality, Safety and Value in Health Care”**, was fully subscribed and well received.



**U ALBERTA – MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, 2014:** Dr.'s Fineberg, Angel and Friesen then flew to Edmonton, where a similar array of events were scheduled to maximize discussions and provide exposure to institutional leaders, government managers, as well as medical and health science students. In Edmonton, **Dr. Kue Young**, Dean of Public Health, convened a Roundtable gathering of colleagues in his discipline and discussed Public Health priorities in Alberta. Dr. Fineberg also addressed the AIHS/IHE Breakfast Speaker series on **“Quality, Safety and Value in Health Care”**. At noon, Dr. Fineberg gave Grand Rounds opened by **Dean D. Douglas Miller**. Title: **“Health Choices, Decision Analysis and the Psychology of Medical Decision-Making”**. Special thanks to Dean D. Douglas Miller for his gracious hospitality and to **Dr. Paul Armstrong**, FCIHR Board Member, for program development and promotion.



**STUDENT FOCUS:** In both Calgary and Edmonton, Dr. Fineberg met with MD/PhD students and members of Student Leadership programs to discuss future career prospects. There was a mix of enthusiasm and interest in research, but with an air of despondency about future employment and research funding. Dr. Fineberg was upbeat and reassuring by pointing out the extraordinary opportunities in modern science and education.



**FCIHR-U of T Faculty of Medicine-Munk School Lecture  
Sept. 16 – Toronto**

*“Windows of Opportunity:*

*Working in the Frontiers of Biomedical Research”*

Left to Right: Dr. Catharine Whiteside, Dean of Med, U of T; Dr. Henry G. Friesen; Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui, 2014 Friesen Prizewinner; Minister Reza Moridi; Dr. Aubie Angel; Dr. Joshua Barker, Director, Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs.

**Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui, 2014 Henry G. Friesen  
International Prizewinner – Visit to Toronto  
(Sept. 16, 2014) and Ottawa (Sept. 17-18, 2014)**

Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui, discoverer of the cystic fibrosis gene 25 years ago and past Vice-Chancellor and President of The University of Hong Kong, began his 2014 Friesen Prize program in Toronto with a traditional “Leaders’ Breakfast” gathering chaired by Dr. Angel at Massey College. Dr. Tsui was welcomed by **Dean Catharine Whiteside** and **Donna Segal** (wife of **Master Hugh Segal**, Massey College). **Dr. Peter Lewis**, Interim VP Research, U of T, extended congratulations on behalf of U of T. **Dr. Stephen Scherer**, **Dr. Tom Hudson**, colleagues and acolytes of Dr. Tsui, recalled their personal research experience and admiration for Dr. Tsui’s achievements and collaboration. This clutch of leaders in science and research participated in a lively Q&A with Dr. Tsui, who shared his personal journey in the cystic fibrosis story and global academic enterprise.



FCIHR Podium Scarf – circa 2000





**Head Table – CAHS Luncheon – Sept. 18, 2014 – Ottawa:** L to R: **Dr. Tom Marrie**, Dean of Med, Dalhousie; **Dr. Alison Buchan**, Vice Dean, Research & International Relations, U of T; **Dr. Carol Herbert**, President-Elect, CAHS; **Dr. Aubie Angel**, President, FCIHR; **Dr. Paul Armstrong**, FCIHR Board Member; **Dr. Cy Frank**, President & CEO, AIHS; **Dr. John Cairns**, President, CAHS; **Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui**, 2014 Friesen Prizewinner; **Dr. Catharine Whiteside**, Dean of Med, U of T; **Dr. Alain Beaudet**, President, CIHR.

### Invitational Roundtable in Collaboration with the Munk School for Global Affairs, Asian Institute

A roundtable discussion among program leaders focused on, *“International Collaborations with Scientists and Educators in Hong Kong and China”*. It was chaired by **Dr. Catharine Whiteside**, Dean of Medicine, U of T, and **Dr. Joshua Barker**, Director of the Asian Institute, Munk School for Global Affairs, U of T. The event emphasized the importance of fostering interdisciplinary links between social scientists, clinical research, health care and health policy in the collaborative ventures between the University of Toronto, the University of Hong Kong and institutions in mainland China. The Roundtable was also unique in bringing together delegations from Ryerson University, York University, as well as the University of Toronto.

Dr. Tsui’s noon lecture at the Munk School for Global Affairs. Title: *“Windows of Opportunity: Working on the Frontiers of Biomedical Research”* was fully subscribed with a significant York U delegation. **Dr. Reza Moridi**, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities and Minister of Research and Innovation (Government of Ontario), graced the occasion and gave congratulatory remarks. A light lunch followed.

**Ottawa visit:** Dr. Tsui next travelled to Ottawa on September 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 with a full program of activities, meeting with leaders and academics. The Leaders’ Breakfast offered an opportunity to feature sponsors, who gave brief words of congratulations, as well as visionary comments. **Dr. Rosie Goldstein**, VP Research & International Relations, McGill, and **Dr. Thierry Mesana**, newly appointed President of U Ottawa Heart Institute shared the podium along with Bruce McManus.



**Leaders’ Breakfast Welcoming Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui  
Sept. 17 – Ottawa**

Left to Right: **Dr. Thierry Mesana**, President & CEO, U Ottawa Heart Institute; **Dr. Aubie Angel**, **Dr. Henry G. Friesen**, **Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui**, 2014 Friesen Prizewinner, **Dr. Rosie Goldstein**, VP Research & International Relations, McGill; **Dr. Bruce McManus**

The University of Ottawa hosted the Friesen Prize Public Forum with Master of Ceremonies **Paul Kennedy**, host of CBC Radio One, “Ideas” and welcoming remarks from **President Allan Rock**, U Ottawa. **Dr. Rod McInnes**, Director, Lady Davis Institute, Jewish General Hospital, introduced Dr. Tsui. Dr. Tsui spoke on, *“A Scientist’s Journey from Basic Research to Senior Academic Leadership”*. His talk is available online at this link: <http://www.fcibr.ca/prize/friesen-prize-public-forum>

An invitational roundtable chaired by VP Research Mona Nemer was held at U Ottawa in collaboration with Friends of CIHR, *“On Research Programs and Opportunities with Chinese Institutions”*. Dr. Tsui and Dr. Henry G. Friesen participated in this very productive meeting.

**EDITORIAL COMMENT:** The roundtable format turned out to be an excellent model for exchange of ideas amongst groups of independent programs with related interests and academic goals.

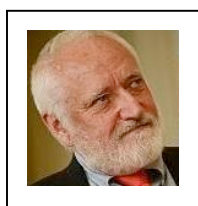


#### University of Ottawa hosts 2014 Friesen Prize Lecture

Left to Right: **Dr. Mona Nemer**, Vice-President, Research, U Ottawa; **Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui**, 2014 Friesen Prizewinner; **Mr. Allan Rock**, President, U Ottawa.

The following day, Dr. Tsui gave a Luncheon Address to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) on, ***“A Formula for Success – Right Time, Right Place, Right People”***. Dr. Tsui had many friends in the audience, which was the largest in recent history of these luncheons.

#### Paul Kennedy on CBC Radio One, “Ideas”



FCIHR is particularly grateful and acknowledges with appreciation Mr. Paul Kennedy's important contributions over the years to the Friesen Prize Program. Mr. Kennedy's insightful and entertaining interviews form a permanent audio record of Friesen Prize Laureates' personal history, vision and accomplishments and in this way, CBC Radio has contributed to the recent History of Science and Medicine. We would also like to note the prescience of **Mr. Bernie Lucht**, O.C., Executive Producer of CBC Radio One “Ideas” (Ret.), who shared our vision and became our Broadcast Partner in the Friesen Prize Program. This has been a fruitful collaboration over the past 9 years with a lasting legacy. I encourage you to review past radio interviews with Friesen Prizewinners, which can be found at:

<http://www.fcibr.ca/prize/friends-of-cihr-cbc-radio-one-ideas-paul-kennedy/september-25-2014-genetic-genius>

#### Friesen Prize Lectures

A tally of FCIHR-sponsored Institutional visits in 2014 counts 7 major videorecorded Lectures in 5 Canadian university centres. These podcasts feature visionary leaders (Friesen Prize Laureates) in health/medical research. The Lectures in the aggregate will be designated “Friesen Prize Lectures of 2014” and can be viewed online at the Friesen Prize web site:

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