



# 2016 Spotlight on FCIHR



December 2016



2016 Friesen Prize – Award Presentation at Rideau Club – November 7, 2016 - Ottawa

Left to Right: **Dr. Grant Pierce**, Board Member, FCIHR; **Dr. Bruce McManus**, VP, FCIHR, Professor of Medicine, UBC; **Dr. Henry G. Friesen**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, U Manitoba; **The Honourable Reza Moridi**, Minister of Research & Innovation, Government of Ontario; **Dr. Janet Rossant**, 2016 Friesen Prizewinner; **Dr. Aubie Angel**, President, Friends of CIHR; **Dr. Reinhart Reithmeier**, Treasurer, FCIHR; **Mr. Simon Kennedy**, Deputy Minister, Health Canada, Government of Canada.

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Greetings all. This year-end report highlights an eventful 2016 for Friends of CIHR and for Science in Canada. We have experienced an abundance of positive signals from the Federal Government and various Ministers that Science broadly and Health Research, in particular, would undergo rejuvenation, as a priority undertaking in this Government’s mandate. There is a consensus that young investigators in Canada have been disadvantaged by policies of funding agencies and that there is hope this would be addressed in the near future. Friends of CIHR organized a Roundtable to address this issue at the Canadian Science Policy Conference (CSPC) on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Ottawa (see below).

Friends of CIHR organized **Sir Paul Nurse’s** 2015 Friesen Prize Institutional visits to Calgary and Edmonton on May 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Thanks to **Dr. Jon Meddings**, Dean, Cumming School of Medicine, U Calgary and **Dr. Richard Fedorak**, Dean, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, U Alberta, for their sponsorship and ongoing support of the Friesen Prize Program. **Pamela Valentine**, Transition President, Alberta Innovates, is also acknowledged for introducing Sir Paul Nurse to health leaders at the AIHS-IHE breakfast policy speaker series where he described the structure and rationale of his new mega Francis Crick Institute in London (UK).



**OHRI Symposium - “Regenerative Medicine as a Gateway to Translation & Innovation: Advances & Moving Forward”**

Left to Right: **Dr. Marc Ruel**, Chair, Division of Cardiac Surgery, Ottawa Heart; **Dr. Michael Rudnicki**, Director, Regenerative Medicine Program; **Dr. Janet Rossant**; **Dr. Duncan Stewart**, President & CEO, OHRI. Other speakers include: **Dr. Bill Stanford**, Senior Scientist, Regenerative Med; **Dr. Bernard Thébaud**, Neonatologist; **Dr. Colleen Flood**, Director, U Ottawa Chair - Health Law & Policy

## 2016 FRIESEN PRIZE PROGRAM

**Dr. Janet Rossant** was awarded the 2016 Henry G. Friesen International Prize. She presented the Friesen Prize Lecture at U Ottawa on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 entitled, “*Stem Cell and Genome Editing: Ethical Challenges in Human Health*”. Dr. Rossant was introduced at the Leaders’ Breakfast in the Parliamentary Dining Room that was co-hosted by Friends of CIHR and CHEO RI. Senator Jim Munson sponsored the venue and we are very grateful to his staff for facilitating this. Dr. Rossant also held forth at the **OHRI Symposium** on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, chaired by **Dr. Duncan Stewart**, entitled,

*“Regenerative Medicine as a Gateway to Translation and Innovation: Recent Advances and Moving Forward.”* That afternoon, Dr. Rossant also participated in the 2016 FCIHR Roundtable prior to a trip to McGill University to deliver the Friesen Lecture on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, under the auspices of **Dr. Rose Goldstein**, Vice-Principal (Research and Innovation). Dr. Rossant spoke at the Faculty Club and the title of her presentation was: *“From embryos to stem cells to personalized medicine”*.



McGill University hosts Dr. Janet Rossant for her Friesen Prize Lecture entitled: *“From embryos to stem cells to personalized medicine”*.

Left to Right: **Dr. David Eidelman**, Dean, Medicine; **Dr. Janet Rossant**; **Dr. Rose Goldstein**, Vice-Principal (Research & Innovation); Photographer: Owen Egan

## NATIONAL ROUNDTABLES

Our national Roundtables continue to be popular and are organized in conjunction with Institutional visits by the Friesen Laureates. They typically include 5 to 6 thought leaders at each locale to broaden participation. Sir Paul Nurse gave the keynote address at the U Alberta Roundtable on *“Trust in Science”* on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Edmonton. The FCIHR Roundtable held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Ottawa was a collaboration with the Banting Research

Foundation (BRF) and the Royal Canadian Institute for the Advancement of Science (RCIS). The Roundtable was entitled, *“The Role of Early Career Scientists in Research Policy Development”* and took place during the Canadian Science Policy Conference (CSPC) and included 13 speakers. **The Honourable Reza Moridi** was Honorary Chair.

## COLLABORATIONS

Friends of CIHR continues to collaborate and support the Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation (CSCI) by sponsoring the FCIHR Lectureship in conjunction with their Annual Meeting, which took place on November 22, 2016 in Toronto. The 2016 FCIHR Lectureship was awarded to **Dr. Linda Rabeneck**, President-Elect, CAHS, who addressed the CSCI-CITAC membership. The title of her talk was: *“Academic Success or Significance?”*. This was well received with a robust Q&A. A framed Certificate commemorating the FCIHR Lectureship was presented.



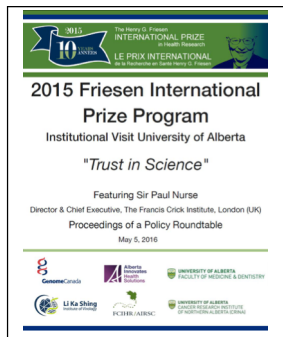
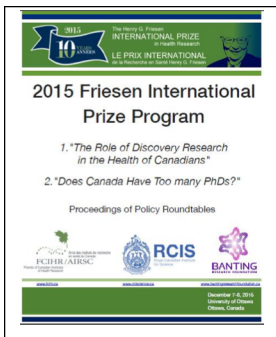
FCIHR Lecturer at 2016 CSCI-CITAC Annual Meeting on Nov. 22, 2016 - Toronto

**Dr. Linda Rabeneck**  
Professor of Medicine, U of T



### 2016 FCIHR Roundtable (CSPC 2016) – November 8, 2016 – Ottawa *“The Role of Early Career Scientists in Research Policy Development”*

Co-Chairs: **Dr. Catharine Whiteside**, President, Banting Research Foundation; **Mr. Paul Davidson**, President, Universities Canada  
**Minister Reza Moridi** commenting on the vitality of young minds in Science. Speakers include: **Dr. Aubie Angel**, **Dr. Bruce McManus**, **Dr. Michael Hendricks**, **Dr. Morley Hollenberg**, **Dr. Grant Pierce**, **Dr. Reinhart Reithmeier**, **Dr. Norman Rosenblum**, **Dr. Danika Goosney**, **Dr. Holly Witteman**, **Dr. Jim Woodgett**, **Dr. Janet Rossant**, **Dr. Henry G. Friesen** and **Dr. Mehrdad Hariri**.



**PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS IN 2016**

The Proceedings of 2015 Roundtables #1 and #2, featured events on December 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Ottawa, can be viewed on the FCIHR web site:

<http://www.fcibr.ca/2015-roundtables-proceedings/>

The Proceedings from the 2016 U Alberta Roundtable, "Trust in Science", will appear shortly.

This past Summer, FCIHR received a Summer Studentship Grant from the Federal Government and FCIHR recruited **Miss Shelby Ricker**, a U of T Fine Arts Graduate student, who assisted significantly in the development of the publications. She also edited many YouTube clips that are presently online and featuring a number of our Video History of Medicine in Canada subjects. We are grateful for her excellent creative contributions.



**Sir Paul's Institutional visit to U Alberta May 5, 2016**

L to R: **Sir Paul Nurse and Dr. Lorne Tyrrell**



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- Canadian Science Policy Conference (CSPC 2016)



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 2017 FRIESEN PRIZE**

**DEADLINE: January 13, 2017**

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<http://www.fcibr.ca/prize/about/nomination>



# Star Watching at FCIHR Events



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**L to R: Dr. David Evans, Dr. Reinhart Reithmeier, Mr. Peter Love, Dr. Morley Hollenberg**



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