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**The Platform Party – Friesen Prize Program Events – September 18, 2013 - Ottawa**

Left to Right: **Mr. Paul Kennedy**, Host, CBC Radio One “Ideas”; **Dr. Henry G. Friesen**, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Manitoba; **Dr. Aubie Angel**, President, Friends of CIHR; 2013 Friesen Prizewinner **Dr. Harvey V. Fineberg**, President of the U.S. Institute of Medicine; **Dr. Rosie Goldstein**, Vice-Principal (Research and International Relations), McGill University; **Dr. Bruce McManus**, Vice-President, FCIHR

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Our annual gathering in Ottawa this past September 18<sup>th</sup> featured the 2013 Friesen Prizewinner **Dr. Harvey V. Fineberg**, who delivered a timely lecture entitled:

*“The Power of an Idea to Bring Ideas to Power”.*

As in previous years, we had overflow attendance and enthusiastic participation of clinician-scientist trainees, graduate students and many leaders of FCIHR and Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS).

Dr. Fineberg reviewed the history, methodology and impact of the Institute of Medicine on U.S. and global medicine, public health and policy. He gave a brilliant talk that was a model of clarity, focus and sophisticated messaging for a broad national audience.



**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
 2014 FRIESEN PRIZE**

**DEADLINE: January 17, 2014**

Nominations for the 2014 Friesen International Prize are welcome. Members are encouraged to submit nominations. Forms and terms are available at [www.fcibr.ca/prize](http://www.fcibr.ca/prize)



**Friesen Prize Award Presentation - Citation**

*“For extraordinary leadership in the development of effective health policies and assessment of medical technologies that promote the well-being of people and societies worldwide.”*

L to R: **Dr. Aubie Angel**, **Dr. Harvey V. Fineberg**, 2013 Friesen Prizewinner and **Dr. Tom Marrie**, President, CAHS.

On Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Dr. Fineberg’s final offering was a Luncheon Address to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS). He spoke on, *“America’s Ambivalence about the Right to Health Care”*. Inspirational insights were highlighted and the timing was prescient, given President Obama’s struggle for approval of his signature legislative piece, *The Affordable Care Act*.

**Paul Kennedy**, our perennial MC, moderated the Friesen Lecture and also recorded a one hour interview with Dr. Fineberg for broadcast on CBC Radio One “Ideas”. The interview was aired on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and is available online at:

<http://www.cbc.ca/ideas/episodes/2013/10/11/planning-the-unpredictable-1/>

In my podium remarks, I commented on the growing role of FCIHR in the promotion of Canadian Bioscience, as we increase links with a number of community organizations, as listed in the organizational chart. FCIHR has also extended its collaborative programs with a growing number of universities that have generously supported the Friesen Prize Program over the years.

## VOLUME 3 OF THE FRIESEN PRIZE LECTURES

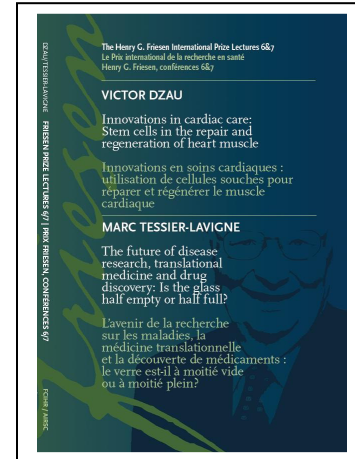


The Friesen Prize Program has several outputs including a published book with compiled manuscripts of talks by the Friesen Laureates. The third volume was just published and contains papers in bilingual format by **Dr. Victor Dzaou** (2011 Friesen Prizewinner) and **Dr. Marc Tessier-Lavigne** (2012 Friesen Prizewinner). This book will be distributed to FCIHR members in January 2014.



**Participants in the Joint Symposium – Sept. 18 – Ottawa**  
*“Discovery Research is the Foundation of Innovation in the Health Sciences”*

Clockwise (beginning top left): **Dr. Heather Dean**, U Manitoba; **Dr. Dan Drucker**, Lunenfeld Tanenbaum Research Institute, U of Toronto; **Dr. John C. Bell**, U of Ottawa; **Dr. Alex Mackenzie**, Secretary, FCIHR and **Dr. Brent Winston**, President, CSCI



## INSTITUTIONAL VISITS

The Friesen Prize Program at its inception provided for visits to centres and institutions outside of the principal Ottawa event and within 1 year of the Award Presentation.

### 2013 JOINT SYMPOSIUM OF CSCI-CITAC-FCIHR

FCIHR continues its productive collaboration with the Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation (CSCI) and its sister organization the Clinician Investigator Trainee Association of Canada (CITAC) in organizing a Joint Symposium for the 6<sup>th</sup> year. This collaboration is an integral part of the annual scientific meetings of these societies and precedes the Friesen Prize Public Forum. The 2013 Joint Symposium on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> entitled, *“Discovery Research is the Foundation of Innovation in the Health Sciences”*, focused on the primacy of fundamental research as the foundation of innovation and translational science. Three senior Canadian scientists made presentations that resonated well with the audience. **Dr. Dan Drucker** spoke on *“Smart medicines from the gut for the treatment of diabetes and intestinal failure”*; **Dr. Heather Dean** spoke on *“Type 2 Diabetes in Children: Moving beyond Diet and Exercise”* and **Dr. John C. Bell** spoke on *“Using Viruses for Treatment of Cancer”*. These talks were videorecorded and can be viewed at [www.fcibr.ca](http://www.fcibr.ca)

In April 2013, **Dr. Marc Tessier-Lavigne** (2012 Friesen Prizewinner), President of the Rockefeller University, visited the University of Toronto and delivered the Inaugural Oliver Smithies Lecture entitled, *“Brain Development and Plasticity: Molecular control of neuronal guidance and degeneration”*. **Dr. Mary Hynes**, his wife, attended as well and there was wide student and Faculty participation. He joined a student luncheon and also met privately with senior neuroscientists. An expanded Leaders’ Breakfast was organized with a roundtable discussion on the funding of Research. Special guest **Dr. Keith Yamamoto**, Vice Chancellor for Research, and Executive Vice Dean, School of Medicine University of California, San Francisco, discussed, *“Evolving Landscapes in Research Training of Health Scientists”*. FCIHR and the Friesen Prize Program are grateful to **Dean Catharine Whiteside** for the Faculty of Medicine’s sponsorship support and hospitality and to Vice-Dean Research & International Relations, **Dr. Alison Buchan** for guidance in shaping this program.



L to R: **Dr. Bernard Jasmin**, Professor and Vice-Dean of Research, U Ottawa; **Dr. Julian Little**, Dept. Epidemiology & Community Medicine, U Ottawa; **Dr. Aubie Angel**, President, FCIHR; **Mr. André Picard**, Public Health Reporter, Globe & Mail; **Dr. Mary E. Wilson**; **Dr. Harvey V. Fineberg**, 2013 Friesen Prizewinner; **Dr. Bruce McManus**, VP, FCIHR; **Dr. Jacques Bradwejn**, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, UOttawa.

**Dr. Harvey V. Fineberg** delivered his first institutional visit on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at U Ottawa (above). He participated in a unique forum featuring a conversation with **André Picard**, Public Health Reporter, Globe and Mail. The conversation was relatively informal with questions and discussion about Dr. Fineberg's career and role at the Institute of Medicine. This was held in Roger Guindon Hall at the Ottawa Hospital Campus with robust student participation. Graduate students, researchers and faculty members attended this videorecorded event. The novel format proved entertaining and engaged the student audience. The informal lunch generously provided by the Faculty of Medicine, U Ottawa, provided ample opportunity for personal exchange with the graduate students. We are particularly grateful to **Dean Jacques Bradwejn** and **Prof. Julian Little** for hosting this successful Institutional visit. The Faculty of Medicine Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine is congratulated for its organizational efforts and sponsorship of the Friesen Prize Program.

Dr. Fineberg has graciously agreed to extend Institutional visits in Western Canada, as part of an expanded Friesen Prize Program. The University of Manitoba will be hosting Dr. Fineberg on January 12-14, 2014 in Winnipeg, where he will deliver the **J.P. Maclean Memorial Lecture** entitled, *"Quality, Safety and Value in Health Care"*. Dr. Fineberg will meet with students, Faculty, academic leaders and policy people. We acknowledge **Dean Brian Postl**, Faculty of Medicine, U Manitoba and **Dr. Dan Roberts**, Head, Department of Medicine, U Manitoba, for their sponsorship. As well, plans are confirmed for visits to the Faculties of Medicine of the University of Calgary and University of Alberta in March 2014. We thank **Dr. Cy Frank**, CEO, Alberta Innovates - Health Solutions (AIHS), as a major sponsor and for hosting Dr. Fineberg's Alberta visit.

#### VIDEO HISTORY OF MEDICINE IN CANADA PROJECT

This project began over a decade ago and has now amassed a significant library of in-depth interviews of a number of Canada's Greats, who have contributed enormously to the growth and development of Bioscience in Canada over the past 50 years. This year, we interviewed three scholars at McGill University. In December 2013, the University of Manitoba will host a documentary team to

video interview the first of three of their scholars. These archival gems will be preserved in Robarts Library, University of Toronto, for future generations of historians, journalists and students. A number of clips have been posted on YouTube and there are more to come. **Distinguished Emeritus Professor Michael Bliss**, Canada's most noted Medical Historian, has been the principal interviewer and has done a remarkable job in exploring the lives and contributions of these medical giants. A sampling of video clips can be viewed at [www.youtube.com/friendsofcihr](http://www.youtube.com/friendsofcihr)

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