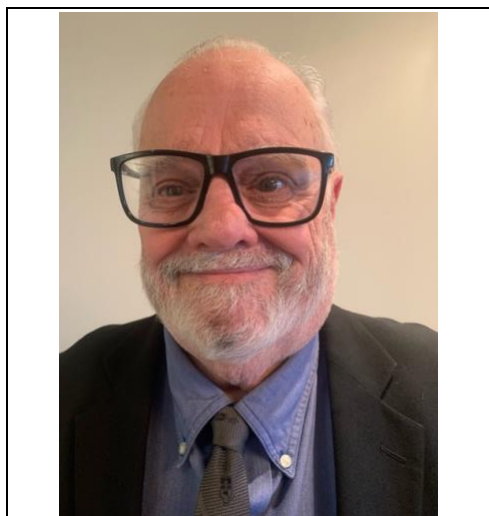


ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Peter N. Lewis



Dr. Peter N. Lewis, PhD, FCAHS, is appointed Interim President, Friends of CIHR

Toronto – January 1, 2024 – The Board of Directors of Friends of Canadian Institutes of Health Research (FCIHR) is pleased to announce that Dr. Peter N. Lewis, PhD, FCAHS is appointed Interim President, FCIHR – effective January 1, 2024.

Dr. Peter N. Lewis is **Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry** at the University of Toronto, Board Chair of the **Charles H. Best Foundation**. He joined the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Toronto as an Assistant Professor in 1974. Since 1991 he has held a number of leadership roles including Department Chair, Vice Dean Research and International Relations in the Faculty of Medicine (2002-2010) and Associate VP Research – Global Research Partnerships in Simcoe Hall (2010-2016). He has been involved in the formation of many UofT entities including the **Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research** and the **Structural Genomics Consortium**. Centrally he was involved in restructuring the UofT Tech Transfer Office and the creation of **IC-IMPACTS**, **SOSCIP** and **CCRM**. His research interests include Alzheimer's disease; the structure and function of chromosomes with specific reference to gene regulation; protein folding and artificial intelligence applied to drug discovery.

Dr. Lewis who succeeds Dr. Malkin, former President of FCIHR, remarks:

“It is a great honour to take on this role as the FCIHR seeks to redefine its role in the Canadian research ecosystem”

FCIHR is a national not-for-profit organization that was established in 2000 to support the goals and ideals of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and to communicate the value of health research to a broad, multifaceted public audience. Through a spectrum of programs, FCIHR also seeks to attract and support young health science trainees and scientists in their career development. The Henry G. Friesen International Prize in Health Research program, which began in 2006 and which includes visits and scholarly events in Canadian universities, exemplifies our mission. FCIHR also convenes public gatherings and roundtables of experts to discuss important health sciences issues of the day, and therein collaborates with like-minded Canadian health science organizations in all sectors.

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