

Creating Innovative Research

Dr. Alain Beaudet, President, Canadian Institutes of Health Research



Dr. Alain Beaudet, President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), will present CIHR's key strategic initiatives of particular interest to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine's (NOSM) research priorities and programs. Some of those strategic initiatives include CIHR's flagship Strategy on Patient-Oriented Research, and CIHR's new research priorities that include reducing health inequities of Aboriginal peoples and other vulnerable populations with an emphasis on the preservation of traditional medicine and building Aboriginal health research capacity. Another priority is supporting a high-quality, accessible and sustainable health-care system, with a focus on primary health-care research. Dr. Beaudet will also discuss key human resources challenges, including the roles of faculties of medicine in training research talent and the development of capacity for research in the hospital environment, key components of CIHR's new strategic plan.

Dr. Alain Beaudet, M.D., Ph.D., as President of CIHR, acts both as Chair of the Governing Council and Chief Executive Officer. Before joining CIHR in July 2008, Dr. Beaudet was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec (FRSQ), a position held since 2004. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Beaudet built a distinguished career at the world-renowned Montreal Neurological Institute (MNI). He headed the MNI's functional neuroanatomy laboratory, pursuing basic research into the action mechanisms and role of neuropeptides in the central nervous system, the control of intracellular receptor trafficking and its involvement in neuron signalling and new pain therapies. From 1985 to 1992, Dr. Beaudet was associate director (research) at the MNI. He has also taught in McGill University's Neurology-Neurosurgery and Anatomy-Cell Biology departments. Dr. Beaudet has written more than 175 original articles and some 40 monographs and book chapters.

Dr. Beaudet has received numerous grants and distinctions, including the Killam postdoctoral fellowship, grants from the Medical Research Council (MRC), CIHR and FRSQ, and the Murray L. Barr Junior Scientist Award. In September 2004, he was awarded the Prix Adrien-Pouliot by the Association francophone pour le savoir (Acfas). He served as president of the Canadian Association for Neuroscience from 1995 to 1997 and has sat on many peer review committees, both in Canada (FRSQ, MRC) and elsewhere (National Institutes of Health, Human Frontier Science Program). In 2007, France bestowed the Order of Academic Palms distinguished Officer's award to him and he was made Doctor honoris causa of Université Pierre et Marie Curie. Dr. Beaudet earned a medical degree and a Ph.D. in neuroscience from the Université de Montréal. He did postdoctoral training at the Centre d'études nucléaires in Saclay, France and the University of Zurich's Brain Research Institute in Switzerland.

This program meets the accreditation criteria of The College of Family Physicians of Canada and has been accredited for up to 1 Mainpro-M1 credits as approved by the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. This event is an Accredited Group Learning Activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification program of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, approved by the Northern Ontario School of Medicine for up to 1 hour.

Friday, February 12, 2010

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Please confirm your attendance by **Tuesday, February 9, 2010.**

The Dean's Hour will take place live at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine:

East Campus, **Room 107**
Medical School Building
Laurentian University, Sudbury

This Dean's Hour can be viewed at:

West Campus, **Room 1011**
Medical School Building
Lakehead University, Thunder Bay

This Dean's Hour will also be webcast live at www.nosm.ca.

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