



Research Canada's 2012 Annual General Meeting

New Leaders on Research Canada's Board

Research Canada's 2012 Annual General Meeting was held in Ottawa on Wednesday, November 21st at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier. Over one hundred members, partners, Members of Parliament and other guests attended a dynamic day with the right mix of thought-provoking presentations and panel discussions, networking and time for strategic reflection and organizational planning.



Ms. Maureen Adamson

It is a pleasure to announce the appointment of Research Canada's new Chair, **Ms. Maureen Adamson**, President and CEO of Cystic Fibrosis Canada. A seasoned executive with the Ontario Public Service, Ms. Adamson's experience includes having held the position of Chief Administrative Officer, Assistant Deputy Minister for Health System Investment and Funding and Assistant Deputy Minister for Corporate Services and Organizational Development at the Ontario Ministry of Health. Ms. Adamson holds an MBA from the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Business.

It is also a pleasure to announce **Mr. Jacques Hendlisz's** appointment as our Past Chair. He was also the recipient of Research Canada's Award of Distinction for his significant contribution to the organization as Chair and as a long-time Board Director. Research Canada is also pleased to inform our members that **Dr. Michael Julius** was re-appointed Science Advisor to the Research Canada Board of Directors.

Research Canada's Board also welcomes three new Board Directors:

1. **Dr. Alain Gratton**, Interim Director of the Douglas University mental Health Institute and Director of the Neuroscience Division. He is also a Professor of Psychiatry at McGill University, Faculty of Medicine.
2. **Dr. Robert Hache**, Vice-President Research and Innovation at York University.
3. **Dr. Peter Nickerson**, Clinical Nephrologist and Professor of Internal Medicine and Immunology and the Associate Dean

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Awards of Distinction



At its AGM last week, Research Canada honoured **Mr. Jacques Hendlisz**, Past Chair of Research Canada and Director of Operations at The Goodman Cancer Research Centre of McGill University, for his many years of service, his dedication, and his commitment to health research advocacy in Canada.

Dr. Juliette Cooper, a six-year Board Director and Chair of Research Canada's Membership Committee was also honoured with Research Canada's Honorary Life Membership Award at the AGM.

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Innovative panel discussion examines opportunities and challenges of knowledge-based economy

Led by award-winning *Globe and Mail* columnist André Picard, panelists at Research Canada's AGM discussed the opportunities and challenges of developing and supporting knowledge-based economy. The panel focused on the three questions below. A summary article of discussion around each question has been posted to the Research Canada web site (please see links below).

1. How important is growing a knowledge-based economy to Canada's economic future? **Read article:** [*Knowledge-Based Economy Depends on Discovery Research*](#)
2. How does a current focus on prosperity through resource-based innovation position Canada as a globally leading knowledge-based economy? **Read article:** [*Natural Resource Wealth Could Fund Knowledge-Based Transition*](#)
3. How can one of the largest and costliest knowledge-based industries in this country-the healthcare industry-become a more prominent part of the solution to our current economic problems? **Read article:** [*Focus of Healthcare Funding Shifts to Provinces*](#)

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Hon. Michael Wilson presents new business models for health research investments at Health Research Caucus Luncheon



Leaders of Canada's health research enterprise joined parliamentarians for the Health Research Caucus Luncheon on Mental Health, which featured the Honourable Michael Wilson as keynote speaker. Mr. Wilson, one of Canada's most ardent advocates of mental health

research, offered an insightful overview of several new business models to support health research, which leverage the shared benefits of partnership and collaboration. Research Canada will publish details of Mr. Wilson's presentation in the coming weeks.

The Health Research Caucus has drawn attention from media in recent weeks, and several journalists attended our AGM sessions.

Welcoming our new members

- [Advanced Medical Research Institute of Canada](#)
- [Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada](#)
- [Graham Boeckh Foundation](#)
- [Heart and Stroke Foundation](#)
- [Rosalind and Morris Goodman Cancer Research Centre, McGill University](#)

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The Caucus was featured in an article in *The Lobby Monitor*, an influential public affairs publication based in Ottawa. The article is available [online](#) for subscribers.



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A Meeting of Research Canada Minds

The day ended with a meeting of Research Canada's members who deliberated on what compelling message the health research community needs to give to governments and what role Research Canada should play in the advocacy arena. Members proffered a message that talked about outcomes and had metrics attached to it. While the health research community's message needed to be aligned with the federal government's priorities, it was agreed that Research Canada must, in its messaging, continue to tie discovery research to the commercialization pipeline and position it as the cornerstone of a robust innovation nation. And, although the federal government sees the health system as a provincial responsibility, we could not leave the health system out of our policy discussions at the national level. Our discoveries are an integral part of re-inventing healthcare, which benefits all Canadians.

One thing became clear during these proceedings and that was that Research Canada members were of the view that Research Canada should also be working at the sub-national level. In other words, Research Canada should be delivering its message to provincial governments, which are working together to develop national approaches, programs and policies in their healthcare and innovation portfolios.

A fuller report on this Meeting of Minds session at our AGM will be provided on our website in the New Year. The Strategic Planning Task Force will review these proceedings early in 2013 as it puts in place a three-year strategic plan for the organization.



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