FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

This fall, as my term as President of the Royal Society of Canada draws to a close, I will have the opportunity to participate in Society events at 15 Universities across Canada. In all, there are some 1250 Fellows, fully 63% of the fellowship, who are affiliated with these Institutional Members. While I have visited campuses in six provinces over the past 21 months, this will be my first systematic attempt to meet and recognize the contributions of Fellows who have made the RSC Canada’s National Academy.

I will be speaking to a number of important themes during these visits, the schedule of which is listed on page nine of this newsletter. Let me briefly allude to three of these now, for the benefit of Fellows who I will not have the occasion to meet personally.

My initial theme is one of appreciation. I will be expressing my (and your) thanks to those whose enthusiasm and commitment have enabled the Society to flourish these past two years. Within the Secretariat, Darren, Louise, Marie-Lyne, Linda, Amelia, Erika, and Sarah have worked tirelessly and creatively to ensure the efficient functioning of our Head Office. Moreover, the two key Executive Officers of the Society – Robert Major, Honorary Secretary, and Danial Wayner, Honorary Treasurer – have been towers of strength. I am also grateful to Past-President Yvan Guindon and President-Elect Yolande Grisé for their counsel and support, as well as to those who have served as Academy Presidents – Patrick Imbert, Marc Renaud, Céline Saint-Pierre, and Graham Bell – to Academy Secretaries and Division Directors, to the Chairs of Standing Committees and Task Forces, and to the over 250 Fellows from three dozen Institutional Members who have participated in the governance of the Society. Individually and collectively all have made distinguished contributions to the RSC. They truly represent the vision of the Society in action.

A second theme that I shall be carrying with me this fall is that the process of solidifying the governance structure of the Society launched by Gilles Paquet continues. We have produced operations manuals, protocols governing all our administrative activities, relaunched several dormant committees and upgraded our infrastructure to take better advantage of technology in communicating with Fellows and managing our electoral processes. With the help of Deloitte we are now consulting the fellowship as we elaborate the Society’s Strategic Plan. I look forward to your input and I strongly encourage you to download a copy of the draft strategic framework from our website. One major task remains, the updating of our governance By-Laws to reflect best practices in the non-profit sector. When my term concludes this November, I hope to devote time to this endeavour.

My third theme concerns efficiency and frugality. These past two years the Society has undertaken a broad range of projects. Under the leadership of Bill Leiss and Geoff Flynn, four Expert Panels have been constituted and two will have reported by this fall. The average cost of our Expert Panels has been $75,000, less than half of the average cost of other Canadian expert panel processes. In addition, Howard Alper and Jeremy McNeil have significantly increased the RSC’s foreign activities in both the sciences and the arts and humanities, and led the Society to a leadership role in international bodies like The InterAmerican Network of Academies of Sciences (IANAS), whose tri-annual general assembly we hosted in 2010. Once again, these activities have been managed with a tight hand on the budget. Thanks to the superlative counsel of Deloitte, we have developed a financing plan for Walter House and a full-cost accounting structure for all our activities. Finally, I wish to note that McGill University has generously covered almost all the travel and accommodation costs – including those associated with my upcoming visits to Institutional Members – that I have incurred in fulfillment of my mandate these past two years, thus relieving the Society of this financial burden. You can be certain that your executive has been a disciplined steward of the RSC’s resources.

May I close on a personal note? Throughout my presidency, the Society has benefitted from the enthusiasm of corporate sponsors that have made significant donations to the Extending Excellence Campaign. Many have also made pro bono contributions to our cause. In particular, I should note the generosity of BMO and its CEO, William Downe, of Red Letter Philanthropy Counsel, and the multidimensional advice and assistance of Deloitte. Its CEO, Alan MacGibbon, and Ian Whitcomb from the Saint John office are passionate believers in the RSC. Lying behind this extraordinary support from the private sector, is one of the most remarkable persons I have had the privilege of knowing – Sandra Irving, who has served for many years as Chair of the President’s Advisory Council. Sandra has been a source of inspiration, guidance and good judgement – also assisting me in meeting leaders in government, and promoting the message of excellence that is the Society’s. At the AGM Sandra will be inducted as an Honorary Fellow, joining Canada’s Governor General David Johnston in that august company. While the Society and the fellowship owe a debt to Sandra that can never be fully repaid, at this point we can acknowledge and begin to repay her commitment by pursuing relentlessly our objectives to recognize excellence, to promote a culture of knowledge and artistic achievement, and to advise Canadians and their governments on the best scientific knowledge to inform the development of public policy.

It has been an honour serving the Royal Society of Canada these past two years. I can only hope that my trusteeship has, like that of my predecessors, left the RSC stronger and the entire fellowship even more committed to the Society’s vision, mission and mandate.
In each of the previous two issues of the RSC News, the *Message from the President* and this section focused on one of the three core elements of the Society's mission. In the fall of 2010, on its mandate to *advise* – to provide expert advice on matters of national interest to governments, NGOs, other civil society groups and the general public; in the winter of 2011, on the Society's mandate to *promote* – to foster a culture of knowledge, artistic achievement, scholarly and scientific advancement and evidence-based public policy.

This issue outlines how the RSC is fulfilling the third central component of its mission – to recognize outstanding intellectual accomplishments and excellence in the contributions of scholars and artists of every generation and background.

**FOUR TASK FORCES**

Over the past year, three of the Society's six Task Forces have been working to enhance the mechanisms by which the RSC recognizes outstanding achievement in the arts, humanities and sciences. Their work will contribute to a welcome revolution in the way the Society recognizes excellence.

The Task Force on Awards and Recognition has sought to rationalize the 22 medals and awards currently offered by the Society and to develop mechanisms to increase nominations for these awards. In addition, the Task Force has devoted energy to exploring whether the present configuration of prizes and medals reaches all the disciplines and fields comprising the fellowship. The RSC must display its relevance to scholars by signalling accomplishment in newly developing fields and in the arts. The Task Force on Awards and Recognition is also planning and designing new scholarship and outreach programmes to recognize excellence in the next generation of scholars and researchers. Finally, the Task Force is addressing the question of publicity. How might we better signal to Canadians the accomplishments that are reflected in the award of one of these prizes and medals?

The Task Force on Diversity in the Fellowship has a broad substantive mandate, one of the key elements of which is to ensure that the procedures and protocols for election to the fellowship and for the honour of medals and awards are well-designed so as to acknowledge the diversity of excellence in Canada's artistic and scholarly communities. Evidence collected by the Task Force indicates a very rich and diverse community of outstanding scholars in Canada. It is essential that the Society have in place mechanisms to ensure that scholars who for various reasons related to culture, background, gender or geography may not be as well-known as they should be, are recognized for their achievements through election to the Society. The Task Force has just filed its report; this comprehensive report will be circulated to Fellows for information and feedback following the October Executive Committee meeting.

The Task Force on an Academy of New Scholars in the Arts and Sciences is a third initiative through which the Society is inquiring into its mechanisms for reaching out to recognize intellectual and artistic excellence within non-mainstream constituencies. Traditional notions of the role and composition of National Academies are being revisited throughout the world. The Global Young Academy (GYA) is one such development that has gained remarkable traction in its relatively brief history. This collegium of early-career and emerging scholars from all disciplines champions excellence irrespective of nationality, ethnicity, religion, gender, discipline or political or other beliefs. The GYA's vision, mission and mandate mirror those of established National Academies, including the RSC. Many of these Academies have sought to establish closer links with the GYA by establishing national bodies of new scholars with like mandates. The RSC Task Force has been analyzing the Society's Strategic Plan in the light of this international trend towards recognizing excellence among emerging scholars. Among its objectives is to determine whether the RSC should sponsor the development of a Canadian arm of the GYA.

This fall the Society struck a sixth policy-oriented Task Force. Like the three Task Forces just noted, a significant component of the mandate of the Task Force on Bilingualism within the RSC, is aimed at ensuring that our celebrations of scholarly, scientific and artistic excellence are conducted and publicized effectively in both official languages of Canada. Of course, the role of the Task Force on Bilingualism goes beyond the Society's mission to recognize outstanding contributions. As it begins its work this fall, it will act in close concert with the other Task Forces, with the Committee on Fellowship, with Standing Committees of the Society, and with Divisional and Academy New Fellow Selection Committees to develop protocols and procedures to promote a truly bilingual face for the Royal Society of Canada. Ensuring that the RSC processes for identifying, assessing and electing new Fellows and for conferring medals and awards reflect the best traditions of Canadian bilingualism and that all candidates are treated with care and due consideration regardless of the language in which they are presented is a key aspect of the mandate of this Task Force.
THE COMMITTEE ON FELLOWSHIP

At the call of the Council, the Committee on Fellowship, chaired by the Past-President, meets to examine questions related to the composition of the fellowship, and procedures relating to nomination and election. This fall, the Committee will be meeting to examine various issues, such as the question whether the allocation of electable positions among the three Academies and their Divisions remains appropriate given the size of the scholarly community in each discipline and the number of nominations received each year. The Committee may also be considering issues such as procedures for nominating candidates whose intellectual work is undertaken in both English and French, or is multidisciplinary in fields falling within two or more Divisions, or Academies. Ensuring that the RSC processes are adequate to the evolution in the volume, scope and character of scholarly and artistic achievement is a major ongoing challenge for the Society. We anticipate receiving a Report from the Committee on Fellowship at the AGM in November.

ENHANCING THE COMMUNICATION OF FELLOWS’ ELECTION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Last summer the Council authorized two initiatives meant to enhance the recognition afforded to Fellows for their ongoing and career accomplishments. Both of these are now established and plans are afoot to develop them further. An initial action was to create on the RSC web-page, a rubric under which Fellows could report to the Society of their recent awards and accomplishments. Beginning in 2011, the web-page will systematically report on Fellows who have been named to the Order of Canada, or who have won major awards from the Canada Council, the three granting Councils, and other Canadian scholarly academies. It is hoped that this page will become an active resource for Fellows and can serve to publicize to the broader community the considerable accomplishments of the fellowship as a whole.

The second Council initiative was to reinstitution the practice of collecting and publishing the biographies of deceased Fellows. Over the past 12 months more than 250 obituaries of Fellows deceased since 2000, have been written and published on the site, and another 50 obituaries of Fellows who passed away this year have been prepared. Presently, there are only 24 obituaries outstanding from the more than 1200 deceased Fellows of the Society. We should all be most grateful to Andrew Donskov and Sarah Pouliot for their dedication to this effort to bring the Society’s record of the career accomplishments of its deceased Fellows up to date.

This fall, the Society is also taking steps to enhance the recognition that is given to new Fellows, and annual award winners. We are upgrading our website, and a few weeks ago, at no charge to the Society, the Globe and Mail published, as a contribution to promoting the Society’s mission, a full-page advertisement announcing new Fellows and their institutional affiliations.

ACKNOWLEDGING AND CELEBRATING THE ROLE OF INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS

Institutional Members (IMs) have become a key feature of the Society over the past several years. Almost all Fellows are affiliated either directly or indirectly with an IM. Increasingly Institutional Members are establishing processes for generating nominations for the fellowship and RSC medals and awards. Many Society events like the Governor General Lecture Series take place on campuses of IMs. In recognition of the importance of Institutional Members to the Society, a Task Force has been established to report on mechanisms for enhancing the role of IMs in all dimensions of the RSC’s operations.

In addition, throughout the fall of 2011, the President will be visiting more than a dozen Institutional Members. These visits have several purposes. Among these are: to increase the profile of the RSC among Canadian scholars; to celebrate the achievements of individual Fellows on various campuses; to thank Institutional Members for their support of the Society and their energy in sponsoring the candidacies of new Fellows; and to begin the process of consultation with IMs and Fellows as the Society pursues the elaboration of its Strategic Plan. The President will also be informing the fellowship about the acquisition and fit up of Walter House, as well as announcing various opportunities for Fellows from different Institutional Members to name a room in the Society’s new headquarters for their university. The goal here is to provide recognition not only to donors to the Walter House campaign individually, but to provide an opportunity for them collectively to obtain recognition for the Institutional Member with which they are affiliated.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Initial reflections on the current vision, mission and mandate of the Society indicate that however much it has been faithful to the aspirations of its founders, it has perhaps been less successful in discovering, articulating and pursuing new facets of these aspirations. Over the next year the RSC will be canvassing Fellows, Institutional Members, National Academies in other countries and selected Canadian scholarly organizations, NGOs, funding agencies and research think tanks with a view to developing the Society’s Strategic Plan for the next five years. It is hoped that this Plan will be presented to the fellowship in draft form within a year, and following further iteration will be ready for adoption at the 2012 AGM. A key feature of the Plan will be to propose even more effective mechanisms and procedures by which the RSC can recognize outstanding contributions by artists and scholars. The Discussion Document intended to elicit feedback about the development of the strategic framework can be found on the Society’s website.
One of the most important challenges for the RSC in the years ahead is to fulfill the role of being Canada’s respected and trusted voice in recognizing artistic and scholarly excellence. However important its objective to promote excellence and advise governments, the central role of the RSC has been to acknowledge the exceptional contributions of artists and scholars to Canada. In the years ahead fulfilling this role will mean reaching out beyond traditional means of recognition, finding creative vehicles to publicly celebrate our intellectual leaders, and ensuring that all outstanding artists and scholars, regardless of discipline, background, culture, gender and age are eligible for fellowship in Canada’s National Academy.
THE MCNEIL MEDAL: For outstanding ability to promote and communicate science to students and to the public within Canada.
R.J. Dwayne Miller, Department of Chemistry, University of Toronto

THE INNIS-GERIN MEDAL: For a distinguished and sustained contribution to the literature of the social sciences including human geography and social psychology.
Georges Dionne, Canadian Research Chair in Risk Management, HEC Montréal

THE SIR JOHN WILLIAM DAWSON MEDAL: For important and sustained contributions in two domains of interest to RSC or in interdisciplinary research.
Keith W. Hipel, Department of Systems Design Engineering, University of Waterloo

THE ALICE WILSON AWARD: For outstanding academic qualifications of a woman who is entering a career in scholarship or research at the postdoctoral level.
May Chazan, Department of Geography and Environment, Carleton University

THE MCLAUGHLIN MEDAL: For important research of sustained excellence in any branch of medical sciences.
Morley D. Hollenberg, Department of Physiology & Pharmacology, University of Calgary

THE PIERRE CHAUVEAU MEDAL: For a distinguished contribution to knowledge in the humanities other than Canadian literature and Canadian history.
Robert Ladouceur, School of Psychology, Université Laval

THE HENRY MARSHALL TORY MEDAL: For outstanding research in a branch of astronomy, chemistry, mathematics, physics, or an allied science.
Arthur B. McDonald, Department of Physics, Queen's University

THE KONRAD ADENAUER RESEARCH AWARD: For the promotion of academic collaboration between Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany, presented to honour the scholar’s entire academic record.
Dennis R. Danielson, Department of English, The University of British Columbia

THE MIROSLAW ROMANOWSKI MEDAL: For significant contributions to the resolution of scientific aspects of environmental problems or for important improvements to the quality of an ecosystem in all aspects — terrestrial, atmospheric and aqueous — brought about by scientific means.
Andrew J. Weaver, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, University of Victoria

THE WILLET G. MILLER MEDAL: For outstanding research in any branch of the earth sciences.
Anthony E. Williams-Jones, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, McGill University

THE RUTHERFORD MEMORIAL MEDAL IN PHYSICS: For outstanding research in physics.
Freddy A. Cachazo, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics

THE RUTHERFORD MEMORIAL MEDAL IN CHEMISTRY: For outstanding research in chemistry.
Federico Rosei, Department of Energy, Materials and Telecommunications, Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique
The fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada comprises distinguished men and women from all branches of learning, who have made remarkable contributions in the arts, the humanities and sciences, as well as in Canadian public life. Today, the fellowship comprises four categories: Honorary Fellows, Regularly Elected Fellows, Specially Elected Fellows and Foreign Fellows. This year, a total of 78 scholars, artists and scientists have been offered election to the Society.

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- DILWORTH, Tomas - Department of English Literature, University of Windsor
- DOWBIGGIN, Ian R. - Department of History, University of Prince Edward Island
- GERSON, Lloyd P. - Department of Philosophy, University of Toronto
- GREER, Allan - Department of History, McGill University
- HUNDERT, Gershon - Department of Jewish Studies, McGill University
- KEYMER, Thomas - Department of English, University of Toronto
- LIGHTMAN, Bernard - Department of Humanities, York University
- NEMIROFF, Diana - Carleton University Art Gallery, Carleton University
- NEWMAN, John - Department of Linguistics, University of Alberta
- NOVAK, David - Department for the Study of Religion, University of Toronto
- PENSLAR, Derek Jonathan - Department of History, University of Toronto
- RETALLACK, James - Department of History, University of Toronto
- WATERSTON, Elizabeth - Department of English, University of Guelph

**DIVISION DES LETTRES ET SCIENCES HUMAINES :**
- LEFEBVRE, Solange - Faculty of Theology and Religion, Université de Montréal
- MARTINEAU, France - Department of French, University of Ottawa
- MICHAUD, Ginette - Department of French Literature, Université de Montréal
- MORISSET, Lucie K. - Heritage Institute, Université du Québec à Montréal
- TRÉPANIER, Esther - Université du Québec à Montréal

**ARTS DIVISION:**
- DUNLOP, Rishma - Department of English and the Faculty of Education, York University
- SELMAN, Jan - Department of Drama, University of Alberta

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**SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION:**
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- BARNES, Trevor - Department of Geography, The University of British Columbia
- BRUDNER, Alan - Faculty of Law and Department of Political Science, University of Toronto
- KLEIN, Raymond Merbaum - Department of Psychology, Dalhousie University
- KNIGHT, W. Andy - Department of Political Science, University of Alberta
- KOBAYASHI, Audrey - Department of Geography, Queen’s University
- MANDERSON, Desmond - Faculty of Law, McGill University
- PAULY, Louis W. - Department of Political Science and Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto
- PRATT, Geraldine - Department of Geography, The University of British Columbia

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- LE BOURDAIS, Céline - Department of Sociology, McGill University
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- VANDENBERGHE, Christian - Management Education Service, HEC Montréal
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PARK, Chul B. - Department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, University of Toronto
PELTON, Robert Herbert - Department of Chemical Engineering, McMaster University
STANGEBY, Peter C. - Institute for Aerospace Studies, University of Toronto

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FRANCO, Eduardo L. - Department of Oncology, McGill University
HALL, Judith G. - Department of Medical Genetics and Pediatrics, The University of British Columbia
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KEELING, Patrick John - Botany Department, The University of British Columbia
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SHAPIRO, Andrew Mark James - Clinical Islet Transplant Program, University of Alberta
THOMSON, James D. - Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Toronto
WEINER, Joel H. - Department of Biochemistry, University of Alberta

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NAZAR, Linda Faye - Department of Chemistry, University of Waterloo
NOLAN, Steven Patrick - EaStCHEM School of Chemistry, University of St-Andrews
STINSON, Douglas Robert - David R. Cheriton School of Computer Science, University of Waterloo
SUMMERS, Danny - Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Memorial University of Newfoundland
VAN OORSCHOT, Paul - School of Computer Science, Carleton University

FOREIGN FELLOWS

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MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES DIVISION:
NIRENBERG, Louis - Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, New York University

HONORARY FELLOW

IRVING, Sandra
THE VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The Task Force on Institutional Members has continued its important work over the summer and throughout the fall, receiving detailed and thoughtful responses to its consultation document from the community of University Presidents, Principals and Rectors. The Task Force will be issuing its report and recommendations in early 2012. The Task Force is chaired by Principal Daniel Woolf of Queen's University. The members of the Task Force are:

Daniel Woolf           Martha Crago               Gilles Patry                        Stephen Toope
Ralph Nilson    Vianne Timmons             R. Paul Young

PROMOTING OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS ON CAMPUS

During the fall of 2011, RSC President Macdonald will be hosted by a number of Institutional Members in celebration of their community of Fellows. A primary goal of these receptions is to celebrate the collegium of Fellows at Institutional Members. The Society is keen that the message of its motto – studis eodem diversis nitimur – is reflected in the professional and social aspects of fellowship at Institutional Members. That Fellows of all three Academies can meet to recognize, promote and celebrate scholarly excellence among their peers of every discipline is a tribute to the vision of those who have been elected to the fellowship or who have received a Society medal or award.

During these receptions, the President will also be consulting Fellows on the Society’s strategic planning process and reporting on developments relating to the acquisition of the Society’s first permanent home – Walter House. President Macdonald’s itinerary is as follows:

September 19          October 18       November 4
September 20          October 21       November 9
October 3             October 24       November 14
October 17            November 2       November 15

During the winter term, additional events for Fellows are being planned at other Institutional Members:

Queen’s University    University of Ottawa       University of Saskatchewan
The University of Western Ontario  Carleton University

SUCCESSFUL IM NOMINATIONS

Over the past two years, nominations directly issued from the office of the President, Principal or Rector have resulted in new Fellows for many Institutional Members, including:

University of Guelph    HEC Montréal    HEC Montréal
Université de Montréal    Université de Montréal    Memorial University of Newfoundland

In August, the Society published a new document setting out in detail the steps towards a successful nomination. Preparing a Nomination is the initial RSC publication aimed at the community of Institutional Members. A comprehensive Guide for Institutional Members is currently in preparation and will be published shortly.
**LAUNCHING THE “OPEN ACADEMY’’ PROGRAM**

Beginning in the fall of 2011, the Atlantic Chapter of the Royal Society of Canada will be accepting applications for its “Open Academy” program. An “Open Academy” involves a small gathering of people in a public environment, the goal of which is to increase knowledge through the presentation and discussion of a stimulating topic of current interest arising from the arts, humanities, or sciences. The “Open Academy” is held in community-accessible spaces such as coffee houses, restaurants, recreation centres, provincial archives, museums, art galleries, or local libraries. Over the next few months, we anticipate sponsoring five “Open Academy” sessions in partnership with venues across the Atlantic region. For more information, please see the “Open Academy” section at [www.rsc-src.ca](http://www.rsc-src.ca).

**SEPTEMBER 2011**

4TH IAP YOUNG SCIENTISTS CONFERENCE  
**September 14-16, 2011 - Dalian, China**  
Dr. Madhur Anand, University of Guelph, Dr. Alex Clark, University of Alberta and Dr. Laurence Pelletier, Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute were the Society’s nominees to this Conference.

2012 GOVERNOR GENERAL LECTURE SERIES – PROFESSOR JAMES MILLER, FRSC  
**September 19, 2011 - Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS**  
Governor General Lecture Series: We Are All Treaty People: Maritime Beginnings

**September 20, 2011 - Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB**  
Governor General Lecture Series: We Are All Treaty People: Maritime Beginnings

IANAS STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING  
**September 21-22, 2011 - California, United States**  
Professor Graham Bell, FRSC, President of the Academy of Science represented the Society at the IANAS Strategic Planning Meeting.

2012 GOVERNOR GENERAL LECTURE SERIES – PROFESSOR JAMES MILLER, FRSC  
**September 22, 2011 - University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON**  
Governor General Lecture Series: We Are All Treaty People: Redefining Relationships

**OCTOBER 2011**

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM: LITERACY AND CITIZENSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY  
**October 14, Library and Archives Canada, Ottawa, ON**  
In partnership with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the annual symposium was organized by the Academy of Arts and Humanities. This symposium explored new ways of accessing, processing and organizing information and compared historical notions of literacy with current perceptions. Canadian experts and researchers presented their findings alongside Fellows of the RSC, graduate students, and other distinguished guests including Heather Reisman, CEO of Indigo Books.

**NOVEMBER 2011**

VISIT OF THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES  
**October 28, 2011 – Novotel Ottawa, Ontario**  
The RSC hosted a delegation from the Chinese Academy of Sciences to discuss matters of mutual interest such as electoral processes, Expert Panels and outreach.

IANAS SCIENCE EDUCATION PROJECT STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING  
**November 7-9, 2011 – Buenos Aires, Argentina**  
Professor Patricia Rowell will be the Society’s representative at this meeting.
Annual General Meeting 2011 Assemblée générale annuelle

Interdisciplinary Panels
New Fellow Presentations
Induction and Awards Ceremony
Banquet
November 25 – 27, Ottawa

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
November 25-27, 2011, Ottawa Convention Centre, Ottawa, ON
This year, the AGM will feature traditional programming including the New Fellow Presentations, Induction and Awards Ceremony, and the Banquet. Please join us this year as we proudly induct the Class of 2011 new Fellows and conduct the business of the Society.

INTERDISCIPLINARY PANELS
November 25, 2011, Ottawa Convention Centre, Ottawa, ON
Increasing the academic portion of the event, we are pleased to announce the addition of two Interdisciplinary Panel presentations to the schedule. These panels are free to attend, open to the public and are based on Expert Panel reports of the RSC on the important topics of Environmental and Health Impacts of Canada’s Oil Sands Industry and End-of-Life Decision Making.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH IMPACTS OF CANADA’S OIL SANDS INDUSTRY
The first Interdisciplinary Panel will reflect on Environmental and Health Impacts of Canada’s Oil Sands Industry. This Expert Panel report was released in December of 2010. Dr. Steve Hruday, Chair of the Expert Panel, will be joined by experts and speakers from all three Academies.

END-OF-LIFE DECISION MAKING
The second Interdisciplinary Panel will reflect on End-of-Life Decision Making. This Expert Panel report will be released in Fall 2011. Dr. Udo Schüklenk, Chair of the Expert Panel, will be joined by experts and speakers from all three Academies.

FEBRUARY 2012

2012 GOVERNOR GENERAL LECTURE SERIES – PROFESSOR JAMES MILLER, FRSC
February 8, 2012 - Vancouver Island University, BC
Governor General Lecture Series: We Are All Treaty People: New Models for a Shared Future

February 9, 2012 - University of Victoria, Victoria, BC
Governor General Lecture Series: We Are All Treaty People: New Models for a Shared Future

Winter, 2012
The University of Western Ontario

Spring, 2012
Queen’s University - Eastern Ontario Regional Meeting

ON THE HORIZON – THE FUTURE OF THE HUMANITIES

Following the first collaboration between the RSC and the Academy of Science of South Africa in 2010, a second conference is being organized in Canada. The Canadian Co-Chair of this collaboration is Professor Ted Chamberlain, FRSC.
On October 19, the CEO of Bank of Montreal (BMO), Bill Downe, hosted a fundraising dinner for the Royal Society of Canada in Toronto. The objective of the dinner was to celebrate the successful culmination of the Society’s $5 million Extending Excellence capital campaign. The emcee for the evening was Steve Paikin of Television Ontario’s The Agenda and guest speakers included Laurent Beaudoin, Co-Chair of the Extending Excellence campaign, Alan MacGibbon, CEO of Deloitte, John Stackhouse, Editor-in-Chief of the Globe and Mail, and Nada Ristich, Director of Corporate Donations for BMO.

To date, contributions to the Extending Excellence campaign have provided for (1) scholarships for Québec post-secondary students in the sciences; (2) the establishment and programming of the Atlantic Regional Network; (3) a scholarship programme in support of emerging scholars; (4) an Expert Panel Report on Early Childhood Development; (5) a scholarship-mentorship programme to be administered in cooperation with the Aboriginal Achievement Foundation; and (6) additional contributions to be added to the RSC’s Development Fund. The gala dinner was an occasion to thank our various private sector supporters and sponsors, as well as an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of those individuals who have so generously given of their time, insight and counsel to the furtherance of the RSC and its mission.

BUILDING ON EXTENDING EXCELLENCE: THE WALTER HOUSE FUND

On September 1, 2011, the Society officially acquired its first ever permanent home – Walter House. Celebrating this achievement and those who have made it possible was a central theme of the fundraising dinner in Toronto. Beginning with the outstanding leadership gift of Bill Leiss, the support of the fellowship in fundraising for this defining moment in the history of the RSC has been overwhelming. To date we have received contributions and pledges totalling over $100,000 from Fellows. A donor wall is being created at Walter House to acknowledge all those who have contributed in kind and financially to the acquisition of Walter House.
Below is a list of the over 150 Fellows who have already made financial contributions to The Walter House Campaign and who have consented to have their names on the donor wall.

Abella, Rosalie
Allard, Jacques
Backhouse, Constance
Bao, Xiaoyi
Beattie, J.
Beckett, Sandra
Beheie, Leo A.
Bell, Graham
Belley, Jean-Guy
Berger, Carl
Bernier, Serge
Beugnot, Bernard
Bouraoui, Hédi
Brosnan, John T.
Bundle, David
Burbidge, John
Calle-Gruber, Mireille
Camu, Pierre
Cannon, M. Elizabeth
Caulfield, Timothy
Chebat, Jean-Charles
Church, Michael
Ciha, Josef
Clique, John
Clément, Richard
Conlon, Pierre
Corbo, Claude
Dainard, James
Daniel, Edwin
Davidson, Walter
Davies, Gwendolyn
Davignon, Jean
De Koninck, Joseph
Dealy, John
Demers, Patricia
Derome, Jacques
D’Iorio, Marie
Donskov, Andrew
Embleton, Tony
Fahidy, Thomas
Fahmy-Eid, Nadia
Ferris, Ina
Findlay, Len
Fingard, Judith
Flynn, T. Geoffrey
Ford, Derek
Fowke, Larry
Gabrielse, Hubert
Gagnon, Alain-G.
Gerson, Carole
Gillespie, Ronald
Goodale, Melvyn
Goodchild, Michael
Grant, B.
Grisé, Yolande
Guthrie, Roderick
Haas, Ralph
Halliday, Ian
Hansson, Carolyn
Harel, Simon
Hawrylak, Pawel
Haynes, R. Brian
Herzberg, Agnes Margaret
Hiorese, Akira
Hitchcock, Adam
Hruday, Steve
Imbert, Patrick
Jackson, David
Jonas, John
Juliiien, Graham
Juteau, Danielle
Kalant, Harold
Kasirer, Nicholas Paul
Katzenberg, M.
Kaufman, Fred
Kevan, Peter G.
Khouri, Nabil
Kwong, Julia

Ladanyi, Branko
Lajoie, Andrée
Lamonde, Yvan
Lancashire, Ian
Langlois, Simon
Lassonde, Maryse
LeBlond, Paul
Létourneau, Jocelyn
Lind, Niels
Lindseth, Roy
Lintneau, Paul-André
Llewellyn, Edward
Locke, Michael
Lomas, Jonathan
Macdonald, Roderick
Mackey, Michael
MacLean, Lloyd
Magnet, Joseph
Mann, Susan
McCamus, John
McConnell, John
McDaniel, Susan
McNeil, Jeremy
McRae, Donald
Melcuk, Igor
Merrilees, Brian
Migué, Jean-Luc
Miguelez, Roberto
Molinaro, Julius
Monet, Jacques
Morris, Hugh
Mucci, Alfonso
Murray, Robert
Neale, Kenneth W.
Nelson, Erle
Overall, Christine
Packham, Marian
Pemberton, S. George
Preston, Melvin
Ratzlaff, Leonard Peter
Rees, William
Reisz, Robert
Ripmeester, John
Robert, Jean-Claude
Saint-Pierre, Céline
Salahub, Dennis
Schluter, Dolph
Sells, Bruce
Sourkes, Theodore
Spenser, Ian
Standing, Kenneth
Steeves, Taylor
Steilck, Charles
Stewart, Mary Lynn
Stewart, Ross
Stuart-Stubs, Basil
Sutton, Mark
Svensson, Eric
Taylor, D.R. Fraser
Thewalt, Michael
Thomas, Clara
Tremblay, André-Marie
Trudeau, Gilles
Tully, James
Turner, Nancy
Verduyn, Christl
Villeneuve, Paul
Warkentin, Germaine
Wayner, Danial
Whelpdale, Douglas
Wiles, David
Wong, Kon
Wood, Christopher
Woodside, Alexander
Wyatt, Gerard
Wynn, Graeme
Yates, Robin
It is with much regret that we record the deaths of the following Fellows:

**ACADEMY OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES**
- **Armin H. Arnold**, elected in 1978, died on March 12, 2011
- **James Robert de Jager Jackson**, elected in 1985, died on April 29, 2011
- **Michael E. Marmura**, elected in 1991, died on September 17, 2009
- **Ben-Zion Shek**, elected in 2002, died on June 26, 2011
- **Guy Sylvestre**, elected in 1951, died on September 26, 2010

**ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**
- **Allan E. Blakeney**, elected in 2001, died on April 16, 2011
- **Paul-André Crépeau**, elected in 1980, died on July 7, 2011
- **Gideon Rosenbluth**, elected in 1973, died on August 8, 2011
- **Byron Rourke**, elected in 1997, died on August 11, 2011
- **William C. Wonders**, elected in 1979, died on January 24, 2011

**ACADEMY OF SCIENCE**
- **Aleksis Dremanis**, elected in 1979, died on July 8, 2011
- **P.A. Forsyth**, elected in 1960, died on May 22, 2008
- **Denis Ian Gough**, elected in 1972, died on March 21, 2011
- **Laurence D. Hall**, elected in 1982, died on August 28, 2009
- **Donald M. Hunter**, elected in 2003, died on December 14, 2010
- **Peter Macklem**, elected in 1982, died on February 11, 2011
- **Cedric R. Mann**, elected in 1979, died on October 15, 2009
- **Denis Parkinson**, elected in 1983, died on December 29, 2009
- **Alfred Rudin**, elected 1993, died on April 13, 2011
- **Robert Salter**, elected in 1979, died on May 10, 2010
- **Harold Williams**, elected in 1972, died on September 28, 2010

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