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Medical Hall of Fame

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Five outstanding individuals become the next inductees of The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame

London ON – The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame is pleased to announce the 2007 inductees. The five inductees are true heroes of health care – individuals who have contributed to the understanding of disease and the improved health and well-being of people everywhere. They are:

Dr. Elizabeth Bagshaw (1881 – 1982) From the onset, Dr. Bagshaw was different. Despite opposition from medical colleagues and local clergy, she courageously became actively involved in Canada's first and illegal birth control clinic as its medical director, a position she held for 34 years. As a family doctor, Dr. Bagshaw traveled about Hamilton by horse and carriage, bicycle and later by car serving many low-income families until retiring at age 95. A Member of the Order of Canada (1972) with an Honourary degree from McMaster University, Dr. Bagshaw was an advocate for women, a true humanitarian and is now a treasured part of our medical heritage.

Dr. Felix d'Herelle (1873 – 1949) Once described as the "Indiana Jones of science", Montreal-born Dr. d'Herelle discovered *bacteriophages* – viruses that infect and destroy bacteria – while at the Institut de Pasteur in Paris in 1915. A vagabond scholar and self-taught scientist, his persistence in the face of bitter opposition was eventually recognized as laying the foundation for molecular biology.

Dr. Jean Dussault (1941 – 2003) A compassionate and modest man, Dr. Dussault's single monumental contribution has made a towering impact worldwide. A simple screening test developed by Dr. Dussault in the mid-70s at the Université Laval resulted in more than 100,000 children being saved from irreversible mental retardation due to congenital hypothyroidism. A Member of the Order of Canada (1988), Dr. Dussault was also nominated for the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1982.

Senator Dr. Wilbert Keon (Born in 1935) As a charismatic leader, surgeon, educator, investigator and more recently a Senator, Dr. Keon is known both nationally and internationally for his work in cardiology and cardiac surgery. Clearly a builder, Dr. Keon turned a unique and obscure dream into a magnificent reality by founding of the University of Ottawa's Heart

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Institute. From the beginning under his leadership, this highly-specialized cardiac institution has dedicated 50% of its space to research and discovery contributing to modern prevention and treatment of coronary artery disease. In addition to numerous awards, Dr. Keon is an Officer of the Order of Canada (1984).

Dr. Endel Tulving
(Born in 1927)

No single cognitive scientist has made a greater impact on the understanding of human memory than psychologist Dr. Tulving. His theories now guide the whole field of memory research. About to celebrate his 80th birthday, Dr. Tulving continues to publish groundbreaking work often proposing ideas that are controversial but backed by sound empirical evidence. Humble almost to a fault, Dr. Tulving is a recipient of the Gairdner International Award (2005) and is an Officer of the Order of Canada (2006).

“I feel greatly honoured to be elected to The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, and am delighted with this totally unexpected happening. The fact that, as a freshly arrived immigrant in 1949, I began my life in Canada working on a farm close to London, Ontario and that The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame has its home in London render the whole experience especially wondrous. I seem to have come full circle. I am deeply grateful to all my colleagues, known and unknown, who have made it all possible,” says 2007 inductee Dr. Endel Tulving of the Rotman Research Institute at Baycrest.

The 2007 inductees were selected by an independent committee of prominent leaders from the medical community.

“This year’s inductees have made truly significant contributions to Canada and the world. Their stories are fascinating and their contributions, whether a single meritorious one or a lifetime of accomplishments, are truly outstanding,” says Dr. Alan Bernstein, President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Chair of the CMHF Selection Committee. “The selection committee is gratified to be involved with an organization that pays tribute to the dedication and commitment of Canadian scientists and health professionals.”

The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame will formally induct the five incoming laureates on October 2, 2007 at the Hilton hotel in London, Ontario. Over 500 leaders from Canada’s business and health care industries, including the Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health, will be present to honour these remarkable individuals.

The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame is the only national organization dedicated to recognizing the accomplishments of Canada’s health care heroes. Through an exhibit hall in downtown London, Ontario and a national educational program, thousands of Canadians gain a greater appreciation of our country’s contribution to global health care, and more young people pursue careers in the health sciences.

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Biographies of the current 66 laureates are available on The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame website at www.cdnmedhall.org

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