



BULLETIN



CANADIAN GENETIC DISEASES NETWORK NETWORK SCIENTISTS RECEIVE HONORS

August 2, 1996: The Canadian Genetic Diseases Network is proud to announce that two Network scientists, Dr. Charles Scriver of Montreal and Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui of Toronto, have received high national honors for outstanding contributions to health care in Canada.

Dr. Scriver has been designated by the Board of Directors of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) to receive the CMA Medal of Service for 1996. The award is made to a physician who has made "an exceptional and outstanding contribution to the advancement of health care in Canada".

Dr. Tsui has been designated by the CMA Board to receive the CMA Medal of Honour for 1996, "the highest award that the CMA may bestow on a person who is not a member of the medical profession".

In recent appointments by His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, Dr. Charles Scriver was also named a Companion of the Order of Canada.

Dr. Scriver, a co-director of the Canadian Genetic Diseases Network and Alva Professor of Human Genetics at McGill University has been a leader in developing methods for biochemical and genetic diagnosis of metabolic disease and the recognition of previously undiagnosed forms of these disorders. He has helped develop the Quebec Network of Genetic Medicine and has contributed to more than 270 books, chapters and reviews as well as producing 275 original papers.

../2

Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui is Director of the Canadian Genetic Diseases scientific advisory board and Sellers Chair of Cystic Fibrosis Research at the Department of Genetics at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children. Dr. Tsui headed the team of researchers at the Hospital for Sick Children which identified the defective gene responsible for cystic fibrosis. The discovery is considered one of the most significant advances in the history of human genetics and has opened the door to new treatments for CF together with the development of methods to detect carriers of the disease. Dr. Tsui continues his work on the genetics of CF at his laboratory at Hospital for Sick Children.

The CMA awards will be made in Sydney, Nova Scotia on August 21, 1996.

The Canadian Genetic Diseases Network is a consortium of 37 of Canada's leading geneticists who are linked with 11 universities, 8 hospitals, and 10 core facilities across the country. The Network performs leading-edge research on common genetically transmitted diseases and works with industry partners on methods of detection and treatment of the diseases. Core funding for Network programs is provided by the federal Networks of Centres of Excellence Program through the Medical Research Council of Canada.

For further information contact:
Carol Smith, Network Manager
Canadian Genetic Diseases Network
Tel. 604-822-7217/7886