



## Call for Nominations

### Hnatyshyn Stroke Lecture

*Canadian Stroke Collaboration*

#### **Background:**

The Hnatyshyn Lecture was established in 2003 in memory of Canada's twenty-fourth Governor General, Ramon J. Hnatyshyn, a founding board member of the Canadian Stroke Network (CSN). Mr. Hnatyshyn, who died in 2002, was a strong advocate and supporter of stroke research.

The Hnatyshyn Lecture is the most prestigious stroke lecture awarded in Canada, and is administered by the Heart and Stroke Foundation in collaboration with the Canadian Stroke Consortium and CanStroke. Traditionally it has taken place at the Canadian Stroke Congress (CSC) as a feature plenary session.

As we evolve, and with the current pause in the Congress, this lecture now takes place at a regional stroke event. For 2023, this lecture will take place as a feature session in conjunction with the World Stroke Congress, which will be held October 10-12, 2023 in Toronto.

#### **Hnatyshyn Lecturer Award:**

The Hnatyshyn Lecture is awarded to a healthcare professional\* who has made a significant and positive impact on brain health through his/her contribution to research, clinical care in any discipline, systems change and/or support for people with lived experience in the field of stroke and vascular cognitive impairment in Canada. Their contributions accumulate over a period of time or may be based on a significant innovation to clinical care, systems, technologies, products, programs, or policies which have a demonstrated impact.

- The Hnatyshyn lecturer is awarded an opportunity to present an oral talk at a feature plenary session at a provincial, regional or national stroke meeting or conference or as a stand-alone event in the year of the award.
- The Hnatyshyn lecturer receives a letter of acknowledgement and congratulations signed by the CEO of Heart & Stroke, the Executive Director (or Scientific Directors) of CanStroke and the Chair of the Canadian Stroke Consortium.
- There is no monetary award for this lectureship. *All travel and accommodation expenses for the selected lecturers will be provided by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.*

\* Note, a separate named lectureship will be awarded to a community leader who has actively worked to improve the lives of people living with stroke. This may include a person with stroke, a champion of stroke recovery and peer support for others who have faced the impact of stroke. The Call for Nominations for the Louise and Frank Nieboer Lecture will be shared at the same time as the Hnatyshyn Lecture. *Information on the Nieboer Lecture is [available here](#).*

### Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

- Nominations are invited on behalf of any member of the health professional community whose primary area of work and contributions to healthcare is in the field of stroke and or vascular cognitive impairment.
- All potential nominees should meet the eligibility criteria defined below to be considered outstanding candidates.
- This award represents recognition by peers in the field of stroke and vascular cognitive impairment. *Self-nominations will not be accepted.*
- Nominees should be involved in stroke research in any of the themes of research, prevention, care, rehabilitation, recovery, systems, and/or involved in a stroke or vascular cognitive impairment-related clinical field.
- Nominees should be individuals who have made significant and demonstrated contributions to their field of stroke and or vascular cognitive impairment within Canada and for the benefit of people within Canada. *Note, nominees may be people who work and/or reside outside of Canada, provided their actions and contributions directly benefit stroke care and/or people at risk within Canada.*
- Nominee's contributions extend beyond their research and clinical excellence by being champions for stroke and vascular cognitive impairment, working to raise awareness, education future leaders, and support improvements in care and outcomes.
- Nominee's personal attributes and accomplishments should exemplify a desire and drive to improve care and outcomes for people who experience a stroke and or vascular cognitive impairment.
- Nominee must be available to present their lecture in person at the World Stroke Conference on October 10-12, 2023 if they are selected. *Note, the lecture is currently planned to take place live in person in Toronto, ON.*

### Submission Process:

- All nominations should be submitted in writing to Laurie Charest, Coordinator, Health Systems at the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada ([laurie.charest@heartandstroke.ca](mailto:laurie.charest@heartandstroke.ca)).
- All nominations must include the following:
  - o Name of nominating individual or group
  - o Name of nominee, location, email contact information, professional designation of nominee (if applicable), current role and affiliations
  - o Up to a 500 word statement of the attributes and accomplishments of the nominee that would demonstrate their eligibility and worthiness for this award

- Additional letters of support from peers of the nominee will be accepted but are not required for consideration. All letters of support should also be under 500 words and focus on significant contributions and reasons why the nominee is deserving of this recognition.

**Timelines:**

- **Due date for submission of nominations and all supporting materials is April 28, 2023 by end of business day.**
- The successful Lecturer will be notified in June 2023.