



CANADIAN COLLEGE OF MEDICAL GENETICISTS (CCMG) The John L. Hamerton Service Award

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Introduction

Dr. John L. Hamerton moved to Winnipeg in 1969 to create the Winnipeg Children's Hospital's first human genetics department. He established an international reputation as a researcher, making major contributions in prenatal diagnosis, cytogenetics and ethical issues related to the Human Genome Project. He was a founding member and former President of both the American Society of Human Genetics and the Canadian College of Medical Genetics. He was made a distinguished professor at the University of Manitoba in 1987. Upon his retirement he was named Distinguished Professor Emeritus in 1997. That same year he became a member of the Royal Society of Canada. In 2003 he was named an Officer of the Order of Canada. Dr. Hamerton died on February 9, 2006.



As a tribute to Dr. Hamerton's countless contributions throughout his many years as an active member of the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists, the CCMG Distinguished Service Award was renamed the John L. Hamerton Service Award in 2007.

The John L. Hamerton Service Award is conferred in recognition of diligently rendered services to the CCMG over a sustained period of time, allowing the development and the maintenance of the tradition of excellence of the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists.

Terms of Reference

1. Nominations will be solicited at the same time as those for the F. Clarke Fraser Award for Excellence in Mentorship and Teaching and the Founders' Award for Career Achievement, although nominations may be addressed to the Awards and Nomination Committee at any time during the year.
2. Nominations should include a brief curriculum vitae of the candidate and letters of support signed by two regular or Emeritus members of the CCMG. Nominations received after the deadline announced by the CCGM office will be considered for the following year.

3. In the event of more than one suitable nomination, the remaining nominees may be considered along with new applications in subsequent year(s).
4. The recipient of the award will be announced at the annual general meeting of the CCMG. Conference registration and attendance at Gala Dinner will be automatically provided to the awardee and the cost of travel to the conference and up to three nights accommodation at the conference hotel for the awardee will be provided by the Board of the CCMG. All eligible expenses will be covered according to the CCMG Travel Policy.