

## 2009 Canadian Science Policy

Faculty members and graduate students are invited to register for the 2009 Canadian Science Policy Conference (CSPC), to be held Oct 28 to 30 in Toronto ( <http://sciencepolicy.ca>). This premier event will be the first comprehensive, national-level, multi-sector, multi-disciplinary meeting of its kind in Canada, and we are pleased to have assembled an outstanding program - 13 panel discussions across 5 overarching themes, with over 50 leading scientists, policymakers and industry representatives.

In particular, this conference will be a unique opportunity for a national discussion on Canada's policies for the management and funding of scientific research, which have lately been the topic of considerable debate.

Many prominent scientists and key government decision-makers will be at the CSPC, including:

- Dr. Alain Beaudet, President, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR);
- Dr. Christian Burks, President & CEO, Ontario Genomics Institute;
- Dr. David Castle, Canada Research Chair in Science and Society, University of Ottawa;
- Dr. Suzanne Fortier, President, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC);
- Dr. Chad Gaffield, President, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC);
- Dr. Peter Hackett, President & CEO, Alberta Ingenuity;
- J. Adam Holbrook, Adjunct Professor and Associate Director, Centre for Policy Research on Science and Technology, Simon Fraser University;
- Dr. John Leggat, President, International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences;
- Tony McBride, Head of Strategy, Science Policy Centre, Royal Society, UK;
- Dr. Andrew Miall, President, Academy of Science of the Royal Society of Canada;
- Dr. Heather Munroe-Blum, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, McGill University;
- Dr. Peter Nicholson, President & CEO, Council of Canadian Academies;
- Dr. Jorge Niosi, Canada Research Chair in Management of Technology, Université du Québec à Montréal;
- Dr. Christopher Paige, Vice-President, Research, University Health Network;
- Dr. Peter Singer, Director, McLaughlin-Rotman Centre for Global Health;
- Dr. Caroline Wagner, Research Scientist, Center for International Science and Technology Policy, George Washington University.

**The CSPC has 3 primary objectives:**

1. To identify and discuss current Canadian science policy issues;
2. To forge stronger links between stakeholders and policy-makers; and
3. To lay the foundation for establishing a Canadian "Virtual Institute" for Science Policy Research.

**The 2.5-day conference will feature:**

- A reception with opening remarks by the Hon. John Milloy, Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, and Minister of Research and Innovation;
- Keynote addresses by: the Hon. Gary Goodyear, Minister of State, Science and Technology; and Preston Manning, President and CEO of the Manning Centre for Building Democracy
- 13 panel discussions with leading representatives from the academic, industry, government, and non-profit communities:
  - Canada's national science & technology strategies
  - Implementing scientific knowledge in the decision-making process
  - Stakeholder communication in the Canadian scientific community
  - Private sector research & development - role of R&D in the global economy
  - Innovation commercialization – from bench to market
  - Meeting the challenges ahead - Canada's policies on environment and energy
  - Canadian economy - from resource based to knowledge driven
  - Governance of emerging technologies
  - Science education and a new culture of civic engagement
  - The democratization of science
  - Science journalism, media and communication
  - Best science-policy best practices from other nations
  - Science diplomacy and international cooperation
- Extensive time for Q&A, networking, sharing best practices, and building new relationships

To be a part of this important conversation, please register at <http://sciencepolicy.ca> .