Stephen M Collins MBBS FRCP(UK) FRCPC

Dr Collins received his basic training at University College, London, England and his undergraduate clinical training at The Westminster Hospital in London, where he graduated in 1971. He obtained postgraduate clinical experience in London and Leicester, England and was awarded his specialty certification in medicine (MRCP) in 1975. He then moved to McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, where he obtained clinical training in gastroenterology and spent a year in research with Professor EE Daniel before going to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in 1978. He was a research associate in the Digestive Diseases branch at NIH and studied pancreatic acinar cell biology under the supervision of Dr Jerry Gardner before returning to McMaster in 1981.

At McMaster, Dr Collins has been a member of the Clinical Division of Gastroenterology since 1981, and is now Division Chief and Professor of Medicine. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and was made a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of the UK in 1989.

In 1983 Dr Collins helped establish the Intestinal Diseases Research Unit at McMaster University and has been its Director since that time. His research is in the area of immunophysiology and has addressed the interactions of immune cells with enteric nerve and muscle. He has been a member of the Experimental Medicine Committee of the Medical Research Council of Canada (MRC), Chair of the Strategic Initiatives Committee of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada, and a member of the Task Force of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America.

Dr Collins has just completed his term as President of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology (CAG). During his Presidency, he was instrumental in completing the discussions that led to *The Canadian Journal of Gastroenterology* becoming the official journal of the CAG.

Dr Collins is well-funded with two MRC grants; he is an accomplished clinical investigator, with over 100 publications in his area of expertise. He serves on the Editorial Board of the *American Journal of Physiology* and *Digestive Diseases and Sciences*. He was recently elected to the Canadian Institute of Academic Medicine.

Dr Collins' wife Lori has been an active supporter of his many academic achievements; their family life is active and busy with their three sons: Phillip, Matthew and Andrew.

Steve, the members of the CAG sincerely thank you for your dedicated service to your profession, and to our organization.

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