

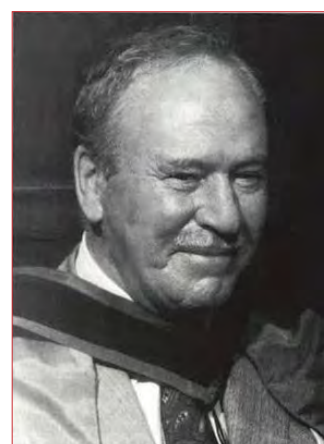
The Dunlop-Dottridge Lectureship: A Heritage of Excellence

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The Canadian Rheumatology Association (CRA) annual Dunlop-Dottridge Lectureship is presented by giants in the field of rheumatology on an international scale.¹ Initially established in 1973 as the Dunlop Annual Lectureship (later Dunlop-Dottridge), this started a long tradition of excellence, through which world leaders in rheumatology (Table 1) have been awarded this prestigious honour at the time of the Annual Scientific Meeting.¹

Named after arthritis care pioneers Mr. Edward Dunlop and Mrs. Rita Dottridge, the Dunlop-Dottridge lectureship has a rich history. Mr. Edward Dunlop (June 27, 1919-January 6, 1981) was a soldier, politician, and public servant who served as the initial Executive Director of the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society (CARS), now known as The Arthritis Society. He was a Progressive Conservative member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario from 1963 to 1971, representing the Toronto ridings of Forest Hill and York-Forest Hill. He also served as a cabinet minister in the government of Bill Davis.² In 1943, in a heroic attempt to protect his soldiers by attempting to dispose of a grenade during a training exercise, he was blinded and lost part of his right hand.³ Mr. Dunlop was awarded the George Medal as well as the Order of the British Empire for World War II service, and was named a member of the Order of Canada in 1980. Queens University granted him a Legum Doctor (L.L.D.) and organized an International Scientific Symposium in 1983, "In Memory of Edward Dunlop."³

Under the leadership of Mr. Dunlop, CARS, a voluntary health agency composed both of lay and medical scientific representatives, offered bursaries and raised funds to support research, education, and treatment of rheumatologic conditions. Mr. Dunlop played a crucial role in establishing Rheumatic Disease Units (RDU) promoting education in the field of rheumatology at all medical schools in Canada.⁴ It was 1975 when CARS achieved its major objective and the last of these units was established at *Université Laval*. Each of these RDUs was supported by inpatient beds and provided medical students, students in the allied health professions, residents and fellows with a wide range of clin-



Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Edward A. Dunlop, GM, OBE, CM, 1919-1981.

ical, educational and research opportunities. In addition, CARS actively supported patient education initiatives in the arthritis care field. It also offered bursaries and educational support to increase the number of allied health professionals in particular physiotherapists and occupational therapists.⁴

It is not surprising at all given the outstanding accomplishments, services and significant commitment and contribution of Mr. Edward Dunlop to the field of rheumatology that the Dunlop Annual Lectureship was named in his honour. The lectureship was initiated by the CRA to recognize a rheumatologist who was deemed as having made a major contribution to the advancement of rheumatology on an international scale. With humility, Mr. Dunlop was hesitant at first to accept the recognition of the lectureship, but reluctantly agreed, providing that Rita Dottridge be co-named. Mrs. Rita Dottridge was his devoted personal assistant and due to his blindness, he relied on her for much of his administrative work.⁵

Today, we are proud that the CRA has chosen to honour the legacy of Mr. Dunlop and Mrs. Dottridge with the annual Dunlop-Dottridge lectureship recognizing excellence in rheumatology on an international scale.

Table 1. Past Dunlop-Dottridge Lecturers

Year	Awardee	Affiliation
2019	Gilles Boire	Université de Sherbrooke, QC
2018	Marvin Fritzler	University of Calgary, AB
2017	Allen C. Steere	Harvard University, USA
2016	Berent Prakken	Utrecht Medical Center, Netherlands
2015	James Rosenbaum	Oregon Health & Science University, USA
2014	Walter Grassi	Jesi Medical Center, Italy
2013	Joel Kremer	Albany Medical College, USA
2012	Paul-Peter Tak	Academic Medical Center, Netherlands
2011	Sherine Gabriel	Mayo Clinic, USA
2010	Iain McInnes	University of Glasgow, UK
2009	Cornelia Weyand	Stanford University, USA
2008	Michael Weinblatt	Brigham and Women's Hospital, USA
2007	John Stone	Harvard Medical School, USA
2006	none	
2005	Fred Miller	National Institute of Health, USA
2004	David Felson	Boston Medical Center, USA
2003	William Koopman	University of Alabama, USA
2002	Duncan Gordon	University of Toronto, ON
2001	Brian Kotzin	University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, USA
2000	Lee Nelson	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and University of Washington, USA
1999	Cornelia Weyand	Mayo Clinic, USA
1998	Robert Inman	University of Toronto, ON
1997	Paul Emery	University of Leeds, UK
1996	Bruce M. Rothschild	Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, USA
1995	Thomas Medsger	University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, USA
1994	Andrei Calin	Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, UK
1993	Daniel J McCarty	Medical College of Wisconsin, USA
1992	Malcolm Jayson	University of Manchester, UK
1991	J.T. Lie	Mayo Clinic, USA
1990	Morris Reichlin	University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, USA
1989	Bevra Hahn	University of California, USA
1988	Paul Bacon	University of Birmingham, UK
1987	Bernard Amor	Paris, France
1986	Jacques Sany	Université de Montpellier, France
1985	Barry Vernon-Roberts	University of Adelaide Medical School, Australia
1984	P.J. Meunier	Edouard Herriot Hospital, France
1983	William H. Kelley	University of Pennsylvania, USA
1979	J.H. Vaughan	The Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, USA

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