

BIOGRAPHY

DR. FRANCIS ALLAN PLUMMER

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Dr. Frank Plummer is the Chief Science Advisor of the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Scientific Director General of the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.

Dr. Plummer is recognized in Canada and abroad for his work in public health and science, having received numerous honours, including most recently his investiture in the Order of Manitoba, appointment as Officer to the Order of Canada and induction into the Royal Society of Canada; being named Canada's Health Researcher of the year by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (the Michael Smith Award); and receiving a grant from the Grand Challenges in Global Health initiatives of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for his HIV research. Other awards include the Rh Institute Award; an Achievement Award from the American Venereal Disease Association; Fellowship, Scholarship, Scientist and Senior Scientist awards from the Medical Research Council of Canada; the I.S. Ravidin Award in the Basic Sciences from the American College of Surgeons; the St. Boniface Hospital Research Foundation International Award for work on HIV/AIDS in Africa.

In 2001, he was named Canada Research Chair of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. He has also been elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians, has served as an advisor to the National Academy of Sciences in the US, and as a consultant to the World Bank, the World Health Organization, and the Governments of Kenya, India and Lesotho.

Dr. Plummer received his medical degree from the University of Manitoba in 1976 and trained in internal medicine and infectious diseases at the University of Southern California, the University of Manitoba, the University of Nairobi, and the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. He joined the University of Manitoba faculty in 1984 and is currently Distinguished Professor at that University of Manitoba, as well as Professor of Medical Microbiology and Community Health Sciences.