

Dr. John L. Hamerton Service Award

Dr. John L. Hamerton, one of the founders of the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists, passed away in 2006. In honour of Dr. Hamerton's many contributions to the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists, the Awards Committee, with the support of the Board of Directors, renamed the Distinguished Service Award to the Dr. John L. Hamerton Service Award in 2007.

The award was renamed as a tribute to Dr. Hamerton who, in addition to being a founding member of the CCMG, assisted the College time and time again as chair of numerous standing and *ad hoc* committees, and providing advice to the Board of Directors throughout his many years as a distinguished member of the College.

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

The award will be given to a Fellow of the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists who has made an outstanding contribution to the aims and objectives of the College in the area of service to the College. The Awards Committee will receive nominations from Fellows of the College accompanied by a brief *curriculum vitae* of the candidate and letters of support signed by two fellows. The letters of support may be addressed to the Awards Committee at any time during the year. The deadline for receipt of nominations for an award to be made at the AGM is January 31 of each year. Letters of nomination received after this deadline will be considered for the following year.