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Dr. John McKenzie Tribute

The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) is saddened by the recent passing of former Executive Director and Board Member Dr. John McKenzie on January 15, 2016. Dr. McKenzie left a lasting legacy at the MMSF due to the many significant contributions he made over the 16 years he was involved with the organization, from 1994 to 2010.

Dr. McKenzie was an avid volunteer on the MMSF Board of Directors before stepping into the role of Executive Director in 2004. In this capacity, he was instrumental in establishing the MMSF's cooperative funding partnerships for research operating grants, which has enabled the organization to increase the number of Manitoba researchers that it funds each year.

"The MMSF was privileged to have had Dr. McKenzie as a distinguished member of its Board for so many years," says Dr. Lindsay Du Val, Chair of the MMSF Board. "His willingness to lead and share his knowledge provided guidance to the stewardship of the Foundation, as well as mentorship to the many researchers and colleagues that he encountered along the way. His dedication to volunteerism and mentorship was outstanding, and he is fondly remembered by those at the MMSF for his kindness and ethical leadership."

Outside of his contributions to the MMSF, Dr. McKenzie was a dedicated teacher and researcher and published many papers in several fields of medicine. He was responsible for many innovative programs, including the education of nurse practitioners and the development of the bioethics program for medical students at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba. He also established a multi-disciplinary Ethics Consultation Service at the Health Sciences Centre. His vast experience, knowledge and insight was shared with the MMSF and helped guide the Foundation to where it is today.

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