



NEW ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED AT THE MANITOBA MEDICAL SERVICE FOUNDATION



The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Grant Pierce as Assistant Executive Director. An established administrator, educator and researcher specializing in cardiovascular sciences and nutraceuticals, Dr. Pierce has served as a director to the MMSF since 1997. He was a former recipient of the MMSF Basic Science Career Development Research Award Fellowship, he has extensive knowledge of MMSF processes and granting procedures and has demonstrated his capacity to provide effective scientific leadership.

Throughout his career, he has received awards for research excellence from prestigious organizations like the American Heart Association, the International Society for Heart Research, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba, the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and institutions in several countries. He has also received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal from the Government of Canada. Dr. Pierce is the only Manitoban to serve as the Chair of the Scientific Review Executive Committee for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. He is an elected fellow of seven different international organizations, including the Royal Society of Medicine, London and the Royal Society of Canada. We are fortunate to have such an experienced and highly qualified individual as our new Assistant Executive Director. We are pleased that Dr. Pierce has chosen to accept this important position and look forward to many years of innovative service in his new role.

Dr. Pierce holds the additional following positions outside of the MMSF: Executive Director of Research, St. Boniface Hospital; Principal Investigator, Cell Biology Laboratory, Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences, St. Boniface Hospital; Professor, Department of Physiology and Pathophysiology, and College of Pharmacy, University of Manitoba; President, International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences, North American Section; and Genome Prairie Canada Board Member. He is active on numerous editorial boards, has published over 200 peer-reviewed scientific articles and has 31 years of uninterrupted MRC/CIHR grant support. Dr. Pierce's extensive experience supervising and mentoring graduate students is one more reason we are very proud to have such an accomplished member appointed to the assistant executive director role.

The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation's Mission is to promote and fund scientific, educational and other activities to improve the health and well-being of Manitobans, focusing on support of new researchers. Our Vision is to continue to be an important source of support for health research and education, in collaboration with other Manitoba organizations. We are inspired by the accomplishments of the researchers who have received funding through the MMSF. We look forward to continuing to support health-related research and education in Manitoba.

The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) is a charitable organization closely affiliated with and supported by Manitoba Blue Cross. The Foundation's highest priority for funding is for new researchers, who are establishing themselves in Manitoba and do not yet have stable, long-term funding for their research. Since 1971, the Foundation has contributed over \$20 million to furthering health research and education in Manitoba. This investment has helped Manitobans and Canadians, through the building of the health research community in Manitoba and the development of researchers and their innovations for health.

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