Dr. David M. Kovitz

The Dr. David M. Kovitz Visiting Professorship was established to stimulate interest and development in education, training and research in the area of cancer and diabetes. The fund supports a lectureship which provided the opportunity for distinguished scholars from around the world to interact with faculty, students and members of the Calgary community while visiting our University.

Dr. David M. Kovitz, a well-respected dentist and businessman in Calgary, originally established the endowment in 1988. The fund was matched by the Government of Alberta and received further support by his family and friends. In 1992, Dr. Kovitz passed away but through his gift to the University of Calgary, the Visiting Professorship is a lasting tribute to his commitment to excellence and the advancement of medical research and education.

Past Dr. David M. Kovitz Lecturers:
1992    Dr. Paul Talalay
1993    Dr. Edmond Fischer
1994    Dr. Meng H. Tan
1995    Dr. Frank Rauscher III
1996    Dr. Joseph Bertino
1997    Dr. Ronald Klein
1998    Dr. Trevor Powles
1999    Dr. Robert Weinberg
2000    Dr. Barry I. Posner
2001    Dr. Morris J. Birnbaum
2002    Dr. C. Ronald Kahn
2003    Dr. Nader Abraham
2004    Dr. Frances M. Ashcroft
2005    Dr. Jeannette Ward
2006    Dr. Edward H. Leiter
2007    Dr. Leonard C. Harrison
2008    Dr. Daniel Von Hoff
2009    Dr. Camillo Ricordi

2010 Dr. David M. Kovitz
Visiting Professorship Lecture

Dr. Paul Nurse
President of Rockefeller University, New York

“Controlling the Cell Cycle”

Tuesday, April 6, 2010
2:00-3:00pm
Libin Lecture Theatre
Reception to follow
Dr. Paul Nurse, PhD is President of Rockefeller University, New York and previously served as Chief Executive of Cancer Research UK. In addition to sharing the 2001 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine he has received numerous awards and honours including the Albert Lasker Award and the Royal Society’s Copley Medal.

In 1989, he became a fellow of the Royal Society, 1995 he received a Royal Medal and became a foreign associate of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and in 1992 was the recipient of the Gairdner Foundation International Award.

Dr. Nurse’s research focuses on the molecular machineries that control cell division and cell shape. Using the fission yeast Schizosaccharomyces pombe as a model system, his laboratory studies the cell cycle and cell morphogenesis controls operative in eukaryotic cells. His major past contribution was the codiscovery of cyclin-dependent kinase (CDK) as the key regulator molecule controlling S phase and mitosis, findings that have had implications for understanding cell reproduction, cell growth, development and cancer.

Programme

Welcoming Remarks
Dr. Tom Feasby
Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Introduction of Dr. Paul Nurse
Dr. Steve Robbins
Director, Southern Alberta Cancer Research Institute

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Recognition
Jeff Kovitz

Closing Remarks
Dr. Tom Feasby
Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Please join us for a reception in the HRIC Atrium