

Brain Repair Centre



PANEL DISCUSSION: NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH IN CANADA - CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday February 23rd.
2023

9:00-10:00 am

Location

CHEB 170
Windsor Foundation Room
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Dalhousie University

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THE PANELISTS



Dr. Stan Kutcher
Senator



Marli MacNeil
COO - Research NS



Dr. Mira Puri
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Dr. Jennie Young
ED - Canadian Brain
Research Strategy



Andy Filmore
MP - Halifax

About the program

This panel discussion is part of the BRC Research Day 2023 program. The objective of this discussion is to understand the ongoing support for neuroscience research. We want to hear about sustainability and the future of funding, challenges and opportunities.

THE PANELISTS



Senator Stan Kutcher is an internationally renowned psychiatrist in adolescent mental health. He is a leader in mental health research, education, advocacy, policy and services innovation. He previously worked at the University of Toronto and Dalhousie University where he was the Department Head of Psychiatry, the Associate Dean of International Health and the Sun Life Financial Chair in Adolescent Mental Health.



Marli MacNeil is the Chief Operating Officer of Research Nova Scotia, a position she's held since 2019. Research Nova Scotia is the non-profit corporation created to support, organize, and coordinate research funded by the provincial government. Its missions-oriented research strategy is organized into four areas: sustainable bioeconomy, climate change, adaptation and resilience, health people and health care systems, and improved quality of life. Prior to 2019, Marli worked with the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation and spent more than 25 years supporting small businesses and start-ups.



Andy Fillmore is the Member of Parliament for Halifax and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Innovation, Science, and Industry. First elected in 2015, he has held numerous roles in government including Parliamentary Secretary for Canadian Heritage, for Democratic Institutions, and for Infrastructure and Communities. He also served as Chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs. Before politics, Andy spent twenty years as a city planner and community builder in the private, public, and academic sectors, including Halifax's first-ever Manager of Urban Design.



Jennie Z. Young, PhD is the Executive Director of the Canadian Brain Research Strategy (CBRS). Dr. Young joined CBRS in March, 2021. As Executive Director, she leads a pan-Canadian effort to develop a national research strategy for brain and mental health. The mission of CBRS unites a broad, diverse coalition of government, academic, private, non-profit, research funding, patient, and Indigenous stakeholders. Together, they envision a future where Canada pioneers a powerful paradigm shift towards collaborative, transdisciplinary, and open brain research worldwide.



Mira Puri, PhD is the Manager of Science Initiatives at the Azrieli Foundation. Based in Toronto, Dr Puri develops and stewards the foundation's funding initiatives in basic and clinical research in neuroscience and neurodevelopmental disorders. Together with colleagues at the foundation, they explore the boundaries of fundamental neurosciences research, health, advocacy and community services for those living neurodevelopmental conditions, and for their families.