

Mr. Chancellor: On the recommendation of the Senate of the University of Guelph, it is my great privilege to present to you

Frederick A. Leighton

For the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*

Dr. Ted Leighton is a visionary thinker, scientific leader and professor of Veterinary Pathology at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan. He has made profound contributions to the understanding of wildlife disease in Canada through his leadership roles as a founder, and Executive Director, at the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC).

The CWHC connects the 5 Canadian veterinary schools to cooperate on post-mortem examinations of wildlife, analysis of data, and to identify spreading and emerging wildlife diseases. This surveillance program crosses the traditional boundaries of government and involves public health, animal health, agriculture, and natural resources. Dr. Leighton recognizes these interconnections, and has generated strong relationships and credibility with the many federal and provincial agencies involved with the Centre. He is highly effective at communicating wildlife biology and health issues in Canada and internationally, is committed to public service and development of effective public policy.

Dr. Leighton is also an outstanding teacher, who creates learning experiences that foster a problem-solving ability in students. He has created a solid body of research work on wildlife health and disease and many of his graduate students have gone on to become leaders in animal health in North America and Europe. He has taken a leadership role with the OIE, the World Organisation for Animal Health, to build international capacity in wildlife health management. Serving as the head of the OIE International Collaborating Centre for Wildlife Disease Surveillance and on the OIE Working Group on Wildlife Diseases, Dr. Leighton has brought education and technical support to governments and agencies throughout Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia.

Dr. Ted Leighton's vision of the important contributions that veterinarians make to the health of animals, humans and the environment is brought vividly to life by his work. He is regularly invited, in Canada and abroad, to speak at veterinary schools, medical schools, and governmental organisations dealing with public health and food safety.

In recognition of his outstanding and ongoing contributions to veterinary medicine, I now ask you, Mr. Chancellor, to confer upon Dr. Ted Leighton, the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*.