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Statement for IUIS

I am pleased to be nominated for a position on the IUIS executive committee. My personal philosophy, supported by many years of action, fits well with the stated <u>Objectives</u> of the IUIS: 1) commitment to co-operation; 2) international education, and 3) advancement of immunological science. My personal research program has been marked by a series of essential collaborations spanning from basic research to clinical trials. I co-founded the Terry Fox Research Institute to link cancer research program across Canada and which now has more than 100 partner sites. As head of research at the University Health Network in Toronto, I created a collaborative leadership model that combined clinical and basic researchers and established the infrastructure for strong trainee programs. I also established a commercialization office that helps bring research discoveries to patients and have personally been active in biotechnology development. Having undertaken research in Canada, Switzerland, USA and China I am committed to international cooperation and education. Attending 14 of the 15 IUIS conferences since Paris (1980), I have seen first-hand the critical role that the IUIS plays not only in the advancement of the science of immunology but also in promoting public awareness of the importance of immunology.

My ability to carry out the specific role of Treasurer comes from years of experience as Vice-President, Research at Canada's largest research hospital where I was responsible for the administration of a research budget that exceeded \$350M, as well as membership on the Finance Committees of several private sector companies.

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