

Diane Finegood

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Expert in systems thinking & cross sector partnerships as approaches to solving complex problems including obesity and chronic disease

Biography

Dr. Diane T. Finegood is an experienced research leader and strategic visionary with an exceptional track record of heading provincial and national leading-edge health research organizations. She served as President & CEO of the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (2012-2016) and inaugural scientific director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's Institute of Nutrition, Metabolism and Diabetes (2000-2008). As a bridge-builder and systems thinker, she has successfully facilitated the needs of disparate stakeholders to carve out common ground for effective collaboration and impact. Diane is also an internationally recognized researcher whose work and expertise range from cell biology, physiology, and mathematical modeling to population and public health, health policy and knowledge translation.

Industry Expertise

Research, Health and Wellness, Non-Profit/Charitable, Government Relations

Areas of Expertise

Health Research, Research Ecosystem, Public Private Partnerships, Complex Systems, Knowledge Translation, Implementation Science, Chronic Disease Prevention, Obesity

Event Appearances

A Systems Approach to Implementation of Evidence

Global Implementation Conference

Complex is not the same as complicated

Global Civic Policy Society's Public Salon

Innovation - Accelerating uptake

International Initiative for Mental health Leadership

Thoughts on the Role of Science in Public Policy

Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP) Luncheon - Science, Technology and Public Policy

Shifting the paradigm in chronic disease prevention from attribution to adaptation: What data do we need?

The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre

The food industry: Friend or foe?

Australian Prevention Partnership Centre (APPC) Investigators' Forum

Education

University of Southern California

PhD Physiology and Biophysics

Northwestern University

MSc Biomedical Engineering

University of Michigan

BScE Chemical Engineering

Accomplishments

E.W. Crampton Award

Presented by the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, in conjunction with McGill Nutrition and Food Science Centre, in recognition of distinguished service in fields dealing with nutrition and food (2011).

Inaugural Distinguished Lecturer Award

Presented by the Canadian Obesity Network, for outstanding contributions to the obesity research community in Canada (2009).

Frederick G. Banting Award

Presented by the Canadian Diabetes Association, for significant contributions through leadership in the diabetes community in Canada (2008).

Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences

For recognition of national and international contributions to the promotion of health science. Fellows will have demonstrated leadership, creativity, distinctive competencies and a commitment to advance academic health science (2007).

Top 100 Women: Trailblazers and Trendsetters

Presented by the Women's Executive Network (2006).

YWCA Women of Distinction

Presented by the Vancouver YWCA in recognition of leadership in Science, Research and Medicine (2002).

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