

Lakehead University

Memorandum

To: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate
From: Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery, Chair, Senate Honorary Degrees Committee
Re: Item of information from the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee
Date: January 12, 2012

HONORARY DEGREES IN JUNE 2012 CONVOCATION CEREMONIES

The Senate Honorary Degrees Committee received confirmation from the proposed recipients for Honorary Degrees in the June 2012 Convocation Ceremonies.

The recipients are:

Lloyd Dennis, Doctor of Laws

Orillia Convocation Ceremony, June 9th

As the coauthor of the 1968 Hall-Dennis report, Lloyd Dennis is one of the major contributors to educational policy and practice in Ontario. Both life-long learning and discovery learning, especially as practiced in Ontario, find their genesis in Lloyd Dennis's work. Lloyd has been actively engaged in the development of the first academic plan for Lakehead's Orillia campus. His advice to the leadership of Orillia campus during the campus's initial development has been invaluable. Given Mr. Dennis's contributions to educational practices in Ontario, his contributions to the advancement of knowledge in the field of education and also his contributions to Lakehead's Orillia campus, the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee felt it appropriate that he receive an Honorary Degree during the convocation ceremony in Orillia.

James Orbinski, Doctor of Science

Thunder Bay Convocation Ceremony, June 1st - afternoon

As the president of *Doctors Without Borders* from 1998 to 2001, without question, he is a person of national and international status. He is a globally recognised humanitarian practitioner. He is a Research Scientist and Associate Professor of Family and Community Medicine and Political Science at St. Michael's hospital and the Munk centre for International Studies, at the University of Toronto. He lectures internationally on humanitarianism and global health. He is the author of the best seller *An Imperfect Offering, humanitarian Action in the Twenty-First Century*, which reflects his experiences in Rwanda, Kosovo and Sudan. Over the past two decades, he practiced hands-on medicine in many of the world's hot spots during dangerous conditions. He has already made great contributions to the welfare of humankind through his tireless dedication to humanitarian relief and research into health problems in the developing world. The Senate Honorary Degrees Committee felt it appropriate that he receive an Honorary Degree during the convocation ceremony in Thunder Bay for the Health Sciences graduates.

The President's office is continuing to work on confirmation for the remaining two recipients.

Respectfully submitted,

Sreekumari Kurissery, Chair of the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee