



2011 Volunteers in Profile

Dr. John Stewart

CNSF President

Dr. John Stewart is a fourth generation Manitoban, but lived in other countries for a long time before returning to Canada. He studied physiology at University College, London, UK, then graduated in medicine from the University of the West Indies in Jamaica.

He did postgraduate studies in Internal Medicine and Neurology in the UK, then worked at the University of Nairobi, Kenya, returning to Canada for further training in Neurology at McGill University. He then spent the next 25 years at McGill developing his special interests in peripheral neuropathies and disorders of the autonomic nervous system. Positions held at McGill included Chair of the Neurology Training Committee, Director of the Montreal General Hospital EMG Laboratory, Chair of the Council of Physicians and Surgeons, and Neurologist-in-Chief, Montreal Neurological Hospital. He is the author of "Focal Peripheral Neuropathies", the 4th edition of which was published in 2010.

Seven years ago he changed his career to that of a community neurologist working in North Vancouver, associated with Lions Gate Hospital. He maintains his interest in disorders of the peripheral nervous system, particularly focal peripheral neuropathies. Dr. Stewart is Emeritus Professor, McGill University, and Clinical Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia.

Dr. Stewart is an Active member of the Canadian Neurological Society and the Canadian Society of Clinical Neurophysiologists. He has served on many committees of the Canadian Neurological Sciences Federation and in the past year has been a vice-president.

His goal as CNSF President is to help maintain and expand the Federation's excellent track record in the continuing medical education of clinical neuroscientists, the advocacy for patients with neurological disorders, and the CNSF's involvement in neurological education in developing countries.