



The Canadian Neurosurgical Society is delighted to announce the 2018 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award / Charles Drake Medal**, Dr. Falah B. Maroun. Born in Lebanon, Dr. Maroun obtained his medical training at the French Faculty of Medicine in Beirut. He completed residency in Neurology and Neurosurgery at the Neuro in Montreal. Following this, he planned a brief period of work in St. John's, enroute back to Lebanon. But as things turned out it was the beginning of a long and fulfilling neurosurgical career spanning 50 years serving the people of Newfoundland and Labrador. During part of this period he also served as Chair and Chief of Surgery. Among his many accomplishments and awards, perhaps the most significant is that in addition to serving as the only neurosurgeon of his region for many years, he consistently recorded his clinical and surgical observations and kept a steady output of clinical scientific publication activity during all of his career. Dr. Maroun served as President of the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences in 1998 and delivered the Penfield Lecture in 2002. In 2001, Dr. Maroun was invested into the Order of Canada, and remarkably the same year was awarded the Chevalier de l'ordre National du Mérite (France). Most recently, he was invested into the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, an award that recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence and achievements in any field of endeavour benefiting in an outstanding manner the Province and its residents. The investiture took place at Government House on January 31, 2018. Dr. Maroun is married to Bonita, and they have a daughter, Rindala. Congratulations, Dr. Maroun!

**the Charles Drake medal was conceived in 2013 as a memorable enhancement to the luminary Award of the Canadian Neurosurgical Society for Lifetime Achievement. Prior awardees include Dr. R.O. Holness (2016) and Dr. M.C. Wallace (2017).