Dr. André Olivier

Dr André Olivier is being awarded the 2019 CNSS Lifetime Achievement Award - Drake Medal, for his lifetime of service to the Canadian Neurosurgical community. His distinguished career has spanned more than 4 decades, on staff at the MNI since 1971 and leading the department of Neurosurgery at McGill for 20 years.

He is a strong administrator and an inspired teacher. His colleagues, former fellows, and the residents who have trained with him continue to benefit enormously from his teaching and his wisdom.

Dr Olivier is well known as an innovator - having been instrumental in moving radiosurgery, neuronavigation and more recently robotic neurosurgery techniques into common use.

He has been a champion for the surgical treatment of epilepsy and has greatly contributed to the practice of epilepsy surgery through his extensive and impressive list of publications, and his strong commitment to resident and fellowship training.

His ability to speak French, English, Italian and Spanish has assisted in his contributions to the international community of neurosurgeons.

He volunteered on the board of the Canadian Neurosurgical Society and even served as our president from 1990 – 1992.

He also served as the President of the CNSF in 1991 and 1992, then known as the Canadian Congress of Neurological Sciences (CCNS).

Dr Olivier has an astounding knowledge of neuroanatomy and has served as an Examiner in Neurosurgery with the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada as well as serving as an Examiner of Neurosurgery with the Province of Quebec, Professional Corporation of Physicians & Surgeons.

He is a kind and dedicated physician, and a skilled surgeon, and the CNSS is more than pleased to honor him with the 2019 CNSS Lifetime Achievement Award – Drake Medal.