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Roger Sanfaçon



In 1973, Dr. Roger Sanfaçon graduated with a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Université Laval in Quebec City followed by a post-doctoral fellowship in Perinatal Biochemistry at the University Hospital in London Ontario. In London, he worked with a group on the Respiratory Distress Syndrome of the newborn. Dr. Sanfaçon then enrolled in the clinical biochemistry Diploma Programme (1976 to 1978) at University of Toronto. Roger's first position as a clinical biochemist was the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal where he was also appointed as assistant professor at McGill University. In 1987, he moved to Hôtel-Dieu Hospital in Montreal, a Université de Montréal teaching hospital, as Head of the Clinical Biochemistry Division where he remained until 1998. During this period, he was an Associate Professor, University Clinics, in the Department of Biochemistry at Université de Montreal. Since 1998, Dr. Sanfaçon has been a Clinical Biochemist at Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital in

Montreal.

Throughout his career, Roger Sanfaçon has demonstrated a keen interest in the teaching aspect of this profession. While at McGill, Roger was involved in the training of many medical biochemists. After moving to Hôtel-Dieu, he became even more involved in teaching. Currently, Dr. Sanfaçon teaches biochemistry and clinical biochemistry to many students at the undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral levels. He has over fifty hours of classroom contact each year in ten different courses in Nutrition, Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Biomedical Engineering and is the course coordinator for three of these courses. Roger's teaching skills are consistently highly rated in student evaluations.

For the past few years, Dr. Sanfaçon has been director of training for three residents in the Université de Montreal D.E.P.D. (diplôme d'études post-doctorales) a Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry accredited training program. Since 1997, Dr. Sanfaçon also holds the position of Chair, Admissions-Evaluation Committee for the D.E.P.D.

In the early 1980's, Roger was chair of the Société Québécoise de Biochimie Clinique. He was involved in annual meetings for the AACC/CSCC in Chicago in 1986, the CSCC/SQBC meeting in Montreal in 1991 and the SQBC meeting in 1988 (chair) and 2000. In the same period, he was a member of the Education Committee of the CSCC. In the mid 1990's, he was the president of the examining Committee of the Quebec Order of Chemists for the Specialty in Clinical Biochemistry.

In 1997, he was recipient of the "Outstanding Service to the Profession of Clinical Biochemistry Award" from the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry of which he is a Fellow.

Dr. Roger Sanfaçon is a very worthy recipient of the 2006 CSCC Award for Education Excellence. On behalf of the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists, I wish him continued success in educating a wide variety of students at Université de Montreal and to the profession in general. I am sure that Roger will continue to be active educating current and future clinical biochemists and other healthcare professionals in Canada. Congratulations on receiving this award!