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## **Robert E. Hill**

Dr. Hill obtained his Ph.D. in 1970 from McMaster University in the Department of Chemistry. Following his Ph.D., Dr. Hill spent one year as a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Chemistry, McMaster University and one year as a research associate in the Department of Biochemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He returned to Canada in 1971 to hold an appointment as a Clinical Chemist in Chedoke-McMaster Hospital and a Lecturer in the Department of Pathology, McMaster University. He was promoted to the ranks of assistant professor in 1973, associate professor in 1978, and professor in 1984. He was also appointed as Chief of Service, Clinical Chemistry Services, Chedoke-McMaster Hospital in 1985 and served in this capacity until 1998

Dr. Hill has had a distinguished research career in the field of clinical chemistry and has made important contributions in the area of vitamin B6 biosynthesis. He has held many externally awarded research grants and has published a large number of papers and abstracts. Among his many valuable activities in the field of clinical chemistry include: associate editor of Clinical Biochemistry (1982-1990); Councillor, CSCC Council (1983-1985), Treasurer, AACC Upstate NY section (1982-1989); Chairman, AACC Upstate NY section (1992-1994); member of the Editorial Board of Clinica Chimica Acta (1983-present); member of the Workload Measurement Committee of the CSCC (1987-1990), as well as in many other capacities. Dr. Hill has been a member and examiner for the academic certification committee of the CACB since 1989.

In addition to his accomplishments in research, in the last several years, Dr. Hill acted as the chairman of the advisory committee involved in reorganisation of laboratory services in the Hamilton area and was appointed as the Director of Clinical Chemistry/Immunology for the Hamilton Regional Laboratory Medicine Programme. Dr. Hill has been a very active member of the clinical chemistry community in Canada as well as internationally..

After 29 years Dr. Hill is retiring from the Hamilton Laboratory Medicine Programme as of May 1st. He will be leaving Canada for Belgium, where he will be VP Laboratory Operations Europe, for Medical Research Laboratories International, a global provider of laboratory services for the pharmaceutical industry and the US Federal Government, with facilities in Brussels and Cincinnati. He hopes to keep in touch with all of his many friends and colleagues in the CSCC.