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Dr. Denis Lehotay is currently the Director of the Biochemical Genetics Laboratory at the University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine, a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Saskatchewan College of Medicine, a Consultant Biochemist at the Saskatchewan Health Provincial Laboratory and the Director of the Saskatchewan Newborn & Prenatal Screening Laboratory. He is a member of the Editorial Boards of *Clinical Biochemistry* and *Pediatric Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*

Dr. Lehotay received his BSc from Concordia University and his MSc and PhD Biochemistry degrees from McGill. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Clinical Chemistry and is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Clinical Biochemistry and the Academy of Clinical Biochemistry.

While Denis' career path has covered the Biochemist's "traditional four" of Clinical Service, Administration, Teaching and Research, it is clear that Research has been the center piece of his many accomplishments. His early research interests focused on basic biochemistry, however over time he shifted his activities towards applied clinical biochemistry and biochemical genetics producing almost 200 peer reviewed publications and abstracts. His research activities have been recognized and supported by numerous and diverse funding agencies including: the NIH, the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Ontario Mental Health Foundation, Health Canada and the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation.

Of the many many contributions Denis has made to both clinical biochemistry and biochemical genetics, it is the application of mass spectrometry in laboratory medicine which is synonymous with the name Dr. Denis Lehotay. As one of Canada's pioneers in this field, Denis had the vision and insight to help bring what was once viewed as a research laboratory tool to the forefront of most clinical laboratories. He has been a driving force and/or key resource and consultant for the implementation of Newborn Screening programs in numerous jurisdictions in Canada and the United States.....programs which have profoundly reshaped the practice of pediatric medicine and biochemical genetics.

The Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists proudly salutes you Denis! Congrats on receiving the 2009 CSCC Award for Research Excellence.