

Drug Safety Canada

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On May 9, 2005 at The Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel (Ottawa), Canadian Room, *Drug Safety Canada*, in conjunction with *The Canadian Health Coalition*, and with the support of the *Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions*, *Woman and Health Protection*, and *The Council of Canadians* will recognize for the first time eight persons of great esteem as *Public Guardians*. They will be presented **The Vanessa Young Award for Integrity and Courage in the Public Interest**.

The following nominees will accept the Vanessa Young Award at 11:30 AM as part of a day long Roundtable Discussion on The Precautionary Principle and Canada's Approach to Risk, beginning at 9 AM (see www.medicare.ca for more details). All are welcome for the awards ceremony.

Nominees:

Michele Brill-Edwards, MD (ex-Health Canada drug regulator)
Pierre Blais, Ph.D. (blew the whistle on the dangers of breast implants)
Shiv Chopra, D.V.M. (fired Health Canada veterinary scientist)
Margaret Haydon, D.V.M. (fired Health Canada veterinary scientist)
Gerard Lambert, D.V.M. (fired Health Canada veterinary scientist)
Nancy Olivieri, MD (medical research scientist)
Chris Basudde, D.V.M., Posthumous (Health Canada veterinary scientist)
Nicholas Regush, Posthumous (investigative journalist)

Each nominee has acted courageously to protect the health of the public, despite the prospect and subsequent reality of great personal and professional sacrifice.

Speakers for the Roundtable Discussion include Conrad Bunk, Ph.D., University of Victoria, Ken Moore, Privy Council Office - Implementation Strategy for Smart Regulation, and Mary O'Brien, Ph.D., from Eugene, Oregon, author of "*Making Better Environmental Decisions: An Alternative to Risk Management*".

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