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News Release

IHE Announces Dr. Christopher McCabe as New Executive Director and CEO

The Institute of Health Economics announced today that its Board of Directors has appointed Dr. Christopher McCabe as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer effective July 1st, 2017.

“Since its formation, the IHE has grown from a small research team to a global leader in health economics and health technology assessment,” said Dr. D. Lorne Tyrrell, Chair of the Institute of Health Economics, and Professor and Director of the Li Ka Shing Institute of Virology at the University of Alberta. *“Dr. Christopher McCabe, former Research Director and Capital Health Endowed Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Alberta Hospital, and founder and leader of the McCabe Research Group, is an internationally recognized health economist, and a long-time partner and friend of the IHE. He is fiercely committed to the organization’s success and will provide leadership and strategic vision to propel it forward for years to come.”*

“IHE’s strong reputation reflects the caliber of commitment and clarity of vision from which the organization has been led. Dr. Egon Jonsson’s relentless attention to independence, quality, and partnership have been assumed as core values by the organization and staff,” said Dr. Christopher McCabe. *“I am honoured to have the opportunity to lead the IHE team, and I look forward to continuing this tradition of commitment.”*

Over the last 6 years, Dr. Christopher McCabe has assumed the role of Capital Health Endowed Research Chair at the University of Alberta. During this time he has also led PACEOMICS and the Precision Medicine Policy Network as Principal Investigator. In addition to his extensive academic career, Dr. McCabe has acted as a consultant for public and private sector organizations in Europe, North America, and Australia, most notably with NICE in the United Kingdom, with whom he had various roles between 2003 and 2011.

Dr. McCabe received his PhD in Health Economics at the University of Sheffield in the United Kingdom. He has published over 200 peer-reviewed papers, book chapters, and monographs. He has also held Chairs in Health Economics at the Universities of Leeds, Warwick, and Sheffield. He continues to hold a Visiting Chair position at the University of Leeds.

Dr. McCabe will continue as the Capital Health Endowed Research Chair at the University of Alberta and Principal Investigator on PACEOMICS and the Precision Medicine Policy Network until he assumes his new position with the IHE as CEO on July 1st, 2017.

“Over the past 12 years, Egon Jonsson’s vision and leadership have built IHE into one of the most impactful research organizations in the world. IHE is an organization intensely committed to supporting evidence-based health policy and practice to contribute to more effective health services. The opportunities that lie ahead for IHE are enormous, and the honour to lead this next chapter is both humbling and exciting. IHE will continue in its role as a leader in Health Technology Assessment, whilst developing strong research and educational collaborations with Universities in Alberta and across Canada, to help build the skilled health economics workforce that we need, and support the development of innovative technologies that will improve the life of our citizens and contribute to economic prosperity.”

Current CEO and Executive Director Dr. Egon Jonsson will be assuming a position with the University of Alberta on July 1st, 2017.

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