Dr. John P. Maclean
(1926 – 1991)

Born in Alexandria, Scotland in 1926, Dr. Maclean emigrated to Canada with his family in 1932. He attended Ridley College in St. Catharines, Ontario and graduated in 1950 from the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba. After post-graduate work at the Sloane Kettering Hospital in New York, he returned to Winnipeg and St. Boniface Hospital in 1955 as a member of the Department of Medicine and established the Section of Endocrinology and the discipline of Nuclear Medicine. He was a dedicated teacher and confidant of residents and colleagues. He served the University and Hospital tirelessly and with distinction. Dr. Maclean was instrumental in developing an awareness of ethical issues in clinical medicine and was the first Chairman of the University Medical Ethics Committee.

The John P. Maclean Lectureship was established to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Maclean’s personal qualities and his professional contribution to Medicine. Dr. Maclean was admired and respected by his patients for his sensitivity and judgement. In life he was a role model for medical students and resident physicians. His colleagues in the Department of Internal Medicine and the University community will remember his abiding sense of compassion and optimism.

Department of Internal Medicine

Dr. John P. Maclean
Memorial Lectureship

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Time: 0800 – 0900 hours
Topic: “Stem Cell and Genome Editing: Ethical Challenges in Human Health”
Location: Frederic Gaspard Theatre
Basic Medical Sciences Building
730 William Avenue
University of Manitoba
Bannatyne Campus
Janet Rossant, CC, PhD, FRS, FRSC

Dr. Janet Rossant is a world leader in the field of developmental biology. She is a major contributor to research into stem cells, cell lineage and developmental biology, having either been the sole author of or a contributor to over 384 peer-reviewed articles. Dr. Rossant is particularly known for her research on the role of genes in embryonic development.

Dr. Rossant was born in Chatham (UK), and received her undergraduate degree at Oxford and her PhD at Cambridge. She moved to Canada in 1977 at which time she joined the faculty of Brock University. In 1985, she joined the faculty of the University of Toronto.

Janet Rossant has played a prominent role in helping to set public policy regarding stem cell research. She played a major role in establishing guidelines for this research in Canada and in other countries. As well, she has been a major contributor to the scientific and ethical debate with respect to cloning and human embryonic cell research in both Canada and the United States.

Dr. Rossant has received 15 national and international awards, including: the Canada Gairdner Wightman Award; the Killam prize; the prestigious Michael Smith (CIHR) Prize; and the Friesen Prize. Other distinctions include: 4 Honourary degrees; fellowships in both the Royal Society of Canada and London; and the Companion of the Order of Canada.