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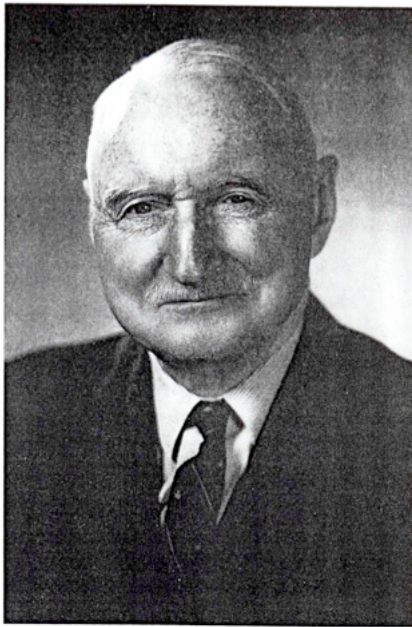
Dr. Cummings graduated M.B.,Ch.B. from Otago University in New Zealand. He trained in clinical and radiation oncology in Christchurch, New Zealand, at the Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto, and at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, England. He has been a staff radiation oncologist at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, since 1974, and was Head of the Department of Radiation Oncology from 1991 to 2001. He is a Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the University of Toronto, and was the first Chair of that department from 1991 to 2001.

He is a Fellow of the American Society for Radiation Oncology, and an Honorary Member of the European Society for Therapeutic Radiation and Oncology. He is a former President of the Canadian Association of Radiation Oncologists, and of the International Society of Radiation Oncologists.

He has been involved with NCIC since 1980, and has served on several grant review panels, ACOR, and the Board of NCIC (2000 to 2007). He is currently a member of the Clinical Trials Committee. He was a member of the CCO Program in Evidence-Based Medicine GI Tumour Site Committee from 1996 to 2007.

His clinical and research interests are in gastrointestinal cancers, particularly rectal and anal cancers, and in head and neck cancers. He is active in organizing and participating in teaching programs in radiation oncology in developing countries. He has been an advisor to WHO on patient safety in radiation therapy, and to the IAEA on radiation therapy for rectal cancer in developing countries.

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W. G. COSBIE, M.B.
Janeway Lecturer, 1968

Dr. W. Gerald Cosbie, M.B.

Cosbie was born in Toronto on January 29, 1894, and educated at Upper Canada College and University of Toronto Medical School. After graduating in 1915, he joined the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps, served with the Third Canadian Division, and was wounded at Vimy Ridge. In recognition of his distinguished service, he was awarded the Military Cross for outstanding bravery.

Upon his return to Canada in 1919, he undertook graduate studies and became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada as well as a Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. He pioneered and refined certain treatments for gynaecological cancer. On September 13, 1921, he cared for the first patients who were treated with radiotherapy at the Toronto General Hospital (TGH).

Dr. Cosbie was a gynaecological consultant at the Ontario Institute of Radiotherapy at the TGH when his colleague, Dr. Gordon Richards, died in 1949. Despite the demands of a busy practice, lecturing and clinical commitments at the University of Toronto and at the TGH, Dr. Cosbie stepped in to fill the void. Dr. Cosbie succeeded him as a member of the Ontario Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation, as Chairman of the Advisory Medical Board and its Executive Committee. He also was instrumental in discussions with the provincial government which led establishing the Ontario Cancer Institute.

He retired from the staff of the university in 1954 and accepted the post of Medical Director of the Foundation, on a part-time basis. Dr. Cosbie had unofficially been performing these duties since 1949. The position became full-time once he retired from his private practice. In 1957 Dr. Cosbie became Vice-chairman of the Foundation, a post he held until 1971.

On June 30, 1965, Dr. Cosbie resigned as Medical Director. Under his able leadership, many new programs had been introduced and existing programs improved and expanded. He was an entertaining raconteur, a fluent speaker and a skilled writer, making him an excellent representative of the Foundation and a strong proponent of its work. In 1973, after moving to Vancouver, Dr. Cosbie resigned from the Board after serving the Foundation and the Advisory Medical Board committees for many years. In 1976, the Foundation established a lectureship in his honour. The first lecture, attended by Dr. Cosby, was awarded to the newly-formed Canadian Oncology Society, was delivered on January 27,

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1977 in Toronto, by Mr. Basil Morson, the distinguished pathologist of St. Mark's Hospital, London, UK.

W.G. Cosbie Lecturers

Year	Lecturer	Year	Lecturer
2010	Dr. Hartley S. Stern	1992	Dr. W. Thomas, Seattle
2009	Dr. Frances A. Shepherd	1991	Dr. Alan Gerulath
2008	Dr. Kathy Pritchard	1990	Dr. James H. Goldie
2007	Dr. Joseph Pater	1989	Dr. James Cox, Houston
2006	Dr. George Browman	1988	Dr. Charles Balch, Houston
2005	Dr. Anthony Fields	1987	Dr. David Schottenfeld Ann Arbor, MI
2003	Dr. Barbara Whyllie	1986	Dr. D.E. Bergsagel
2002	Dr. Steven Gallinger	1985	Dr. David Boyes
2001	Dr. Charles Weijer	1984	Dr. Robert W. Bruce
2000	Dr. John Potter, Seattle	1983	Dr. Oliver Behrs, Rochester, MN
1999	Dr. Richard Bakemeier, Denver	1982	Dr. R.B. Livingston
1998	Dr. David Osaba	1981	Dr. Malcolm A. Bagshaw, CA
1997	Dr. Janet Rowley, Chicago	1980	Dr. J.P. Smith, Detroit, MI
1996	Dr. Balfour Mount	1979	Dr. E.L. Wynder, New York
1995	Dr. Henry Shibata	1978	Dr. Marvin Schneiderman, NCI
1994	Dr. Joe Pater	1977	Mr. Basil Morson, London, UK
1993	Dr. Jack Roth		