

Editorial foreword to Dr. Gregor Reid's review paper: The development of probiotics for women's health

In November 2016, Dr. Gregor Reid was inducted into the Royal Society of Canada. The Society was established in 1883 and is Canada's senior National Academy with the mandate to promote learning and research in the arts, the humanities, and the natural and social sciences. Dr. Reid's research has substantially advanced our understanding of the fundamental mechanisms of probiotic action, and he has had a global impact in applying these discoveries to improve woman's health throughout the world. He is a prolific scholar and innovator with 473 publications, invited talks in 54 countries, and has held 28 patents.

To celebrate Dr. Reid's appointment to the Life Sciences division of the Academy of Science, the Editors-in-Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Microbiology* (CJM) asked Dr. Reid to write a synopsis of his research contributions in the field of probiotics. We hope that the readership of CJM will join us in congratulating Dr. Reid in his recent appointment.

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