

Cantox: Ex-President Ian Munro Passes

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MISSISSAUGA, Ontario—Ian Munro, a founding shareholder and former president of [Cantox Health Sciences Inc.](#), an Intertek company, passed away on Wednesday, April 27, at the age of 71 after battling cancer for three years.

"As one of the founding shareholders of Cantox in 1985 and an esteemed scientist, Dr. Munro will be missed by everyone who has had the privilege of working with him," Cantox said in an email to the industry. "Not only did he lead Cantox as President from 1990 to 2006, he was an internationally recognized authority on toxicology with more than 35 of years experience dealing with complex regulatory issues related to product safety and risk assessment."

Munro authored more than 150 scientific publications in the fields of toxicology and risk assessment to and formerly held senior positions at Health Canada as director of the bureau of chemical safety and director general of the food directorate, health protection branch.

While with the health protection branch, Munro was responsible for research and standard setting activities of the branch related to microbial and chemical hazards in food and the nutritional quality of the Canadian food supply. He contributed to the development of risk assessment procedures in the field of public health, both nationally and internationally, through membership on various committees.

A past member of the board of directors of the Toxicology Forum, Munro held memberships in the Society of Toxicology and the American College of Toxicology. He served on numerous national and international committees, including those of the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Agency for Research on Cancer, and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences

Munro graduated from McGill University in biochemistry and nutrition, and held a doctorate degree from Queen's University in pharmacology and toxicology. Munro was a fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, London. He was also director of the Canadian Centre for Toxicology from 1983 to 1992 and a professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

On April 15 of this year the Ian and Jayne Munro Chair in Food Safety was established at McGill University via a generous donation from the Munros. Based in the Faculty of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, the Chair will lead McGill's newly established Food Safety and Quality Program (FSQP), an interdisciplinary teaching and research initiative.

The funeral service for Munro will be held in Ottawa, Ontario, at Tubman Funeral Home Garden Chapel, 3440 Richmond Rd., Nepean on Thursday May 5, with visitation on Wednesday May 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. A memorial service will be held on May 11 in Mississauga, Ontario, at the Delta Meadowvale at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Credit Valley Hospital, Department of Oncology, Mississauga, Ontario.