



Dr. Rogers Prize 2009

Vancouver and Calgary
doctors awarded
world's largest prize
for complementary and
alternative medicine

Dr. Badri (Bud) Rickhi of Calgary (left) and Dr. Hal Gunn of Vancouver (right) accept the 2009 Dr. Rogers Prize from Geoff Rogers (centre).

TWO PRACTITIONERS recognized as “agents of change” in the revolutionary movement toward an integrative approach to clinical medical practice have split the \$250,000 Dr. Rogers Prize for Excellence in Complementary & Alternative Medicine for 2009. Dr. Badri (Bud) Rickhi of Calgary and Dr. Hal Gunn of Vancouver accepted the 2009 Dr. Rogers Prize from Geoff Rogers, son of Dr. Roger Hayward Rogers, for whom the Prize is named. The award gala took place on September 25 at Vancouver’s Fairmont Waterfront Hotel.

Dr. Gunn, a one-time student of Dr. Rogers, took the fledgling Centre for Integrated Therapy in Vancouver,

created by Dr. Rogers, and evolved it into today’s Inspire-Health, which focuses not solely on a person’s cancer, but on treating the whole person. (www.inspirehealth.ca) Dr. Rickhi has been described as having “thrown away” a promising psychiatric career in the late 1980s when he trained in Traditional Chinese Medicine, Ayurvedic, Japanese and Tibetan medicine. He established the Research Centre for Alternative Medicine, now the Canadian Institute for Natural and Integrative Medicine (CINIM) (www.cinim.org) and played a key role in establishing the Integrative Health Institute at Mount Royal College.

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