

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

**Honorary Degree Citations
The degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*,
conferred on Dr. Julio Montaner
Friday, June 18, 2010**

Mr. Chancellor, the late twentieth century saw the emergence of a devastating disease: HIV/AIDS. Many rose to face its formidable challenges. Notable among them was our honoured guest, Julio Montaner.

Dr. Montaner once said that he wanted to find a cause to which he could lend his passion. Fortunately for all of us, he found it. After receiving his medical degree from the University of Buenos Aires in 1979, he completed his residency in Internal Medicine and Respiratory Medicine at the University of British Columbia. Since then, Dr. Montaner has conducted research and clinical work both at St. Paul's Hospital and at the University of British Columbia, where he is a Professor in the Department of Medicine, Head of the Division of AIDS, and Chair in AIDS Research.

From the start of his extraordinary career, he has made seminal discoveries that have revolutionized care for patients who carry the virus. In 1986, he began to focus his attention on developing novel antiretroviral and treatment strategies. The culmination of this early work