Today we honour Dr. William S. Hoar, a Canadian of international standing; a teacher and world renowned scientific scholar for more than forty years; and above all a warm and compassionate man who has made major contributions to Canada and the world.

Dr. Hoar received his undergraduate degree from the University of New Brunswick and continued his formal education with graduate degrees from the University of Western Ontario and from Boston University. Even at that point in his career his scholarly interest and insight into the biology of fish was well established. Much of his academic investigation focused on the salmon species found on both coasts of Canada. His scientific reputation is reflected in his editorship of the eight-volume series entitled Physiology of Fishes and in more than 100 scientific publications. In addition, he is the author of a major and widely-used textbook which has been translated into several languages and will appear shortly in its third edition.

Dr. Hoar began his teaching career in 1939 at the University of New Brunswick. Six years later he joined the University of British Columbia and has been a member of the Department of Zoology there since that time. During these intervening 35 years he has touched the lives of large numbers of students who remember him with affection, gratitude and extremely high regard.

Dr. Hoar has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of science, both at the national and international levels. He has served on the National Research Council and on the Fisheries Research Board of Canada. He has also been the Editor of the Canadian Journal of Zoology since 1971 and a member of the editorial boards of a variety of other scientific publications. His scholarly accomplishments have been widely recognized. Dr. Hoar is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and an Officer of the Order of Canada. He is the recipient of distinguished science awards from the Royal Society of Canada and from the Canadian Society of Zoology, and of honorary degrees from several other Canadian universities. He is considered by his peers to be a senior spokesman for science in Canada and Simon Fraser University is pleased and proud to add to his honours today.

Mr. Chancellor, it is my privilege to present to you for the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, William Stewart Hoar.