



Dean Bernard E. Riedel 1967 – 1984

Dr. Bernard Riedel was appointed Dean of the Faculty in July 1967 following a number of years as an academic and senior administrator at the University of Alberta. His visionary leadership capitalized on the opportunities available for growth in universities and to implement change. In 1968, the Faculty's name was changed from the "Faculty of Pharmacy" to the "Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences"; the undergraduate degree name was changed from B.S.P. to B.Sc.(Pharm.), and the Ph.D. was added to the graduate studies program of the Faculty. In 1971 the new research wing of the Cunningham building was opened and the Cunningham family donated new funds to acquire major equipment. During his tenure, the Faculty developed a vigorous continuing education program in conjunction with the College of Pharmacists of B.C.; and the Clinical Pharmacy program that encompassed community and hospital pharmacy residencies and provided training opportunities for pharmacy students to move toward a clinical, patient-oriented practice of pharmacy. In addition to these developments, the B.C. Drug & Poison Information Centre was established. The number of teaching and research faculty increased dramatically, and prior to his retirement in 1984, he initiated a program in pharmacy administration. Dr. Riedel also served as Coordinator of Health Sciences from 1977 to 1984 and provided strong leadership for the continuing expansion of the Health Sciences Centre. In addition to his academic responsibilities, he played an important role in a number of organizations nationally and notably was a charter member of the Medical Research Council of Canada. Dr. Riedel contributed to making the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC a significant professional faculty on campus and one of the strongest pharmacy faculties in Canada. He was recognized nationally in 1997 as one of the recipients of the Order of Canada for his contributions as a scientist, an academic and senior administrator.