



Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy

Dr. Julia Levy, Ph.D.
Founder and Director Emerita, QLT Inc.



Dr. Julia Levy has served in several key senior posts at QLT including Chief Scientific Officer and Vice President as well as President and CEO from 1995 to February 2002. Dr. Levy has also been a Director of QLT since 1983. In December 2006, Dr. Levy retired from the Board of Directors and became a Director Emerita. She was actively involved in QLT's Scientific Advisory Board until January 2008 when she retired from QLT entirely. Under her leadership, QLT recorded the strongest period of growth in company history and earned a reputation for achieving milestones, including FDA approval for Visudyne[®] therapy to treat age-related blindness in April 2000.

Following her doctorate degree in immunology from the University of London, Dr. Levy was awarded an Industrial Professorship in the Department of Microbiology from the University of British Columbia and is the recipient of several honorary degrees. A fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and former President of the Canadian Federation of

Biological Sciences, Dr. Levy has earned numerous awards and honors including an appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2001, the Female Entrepreneur of the Year for International Business in 1998, Pacific Canada Entrepreneur of the Year in 2000 and the Future of Vision Award from the Foundation Fighting Blindness in 2001. In 2002 she received, along with Dr. David Dolphin, the Friesen-Rygiel prize for medical research and the Prix Galien Canada research award. Along with Dr. Gustav Huber of Novartis, she was presented with the 2003 Helen Keller Prize for Innovation in Eye Care. In her honor, the Julia G. Levy Professorship in Ophthalmology Chair was created at Johns Hopkins Hospital Wilmer Eye Institute in 2004, the same year she was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the British Columbia Biotechnology Association.

The author of many published scientific articles and a sought-after speaker, Dr. Levy currently serves as a director on a number of early-stage biotechnology company boards and on the board of the Working Opportunity Fund, a British Columbia, Canada-based venture capital firm.