

# ACCOLADES 2018 INLNA CONVENTION

99TH ANNUAL INLNA CONVENTION, APRIL 26 - 28, 2018, EDMONTON, AB

## Early Bird Deadline

Have you registered for the Convention yet? The early-bird deadline is February 28 so head over to [inlofna.org](http://inlofna.org) to get registered today!

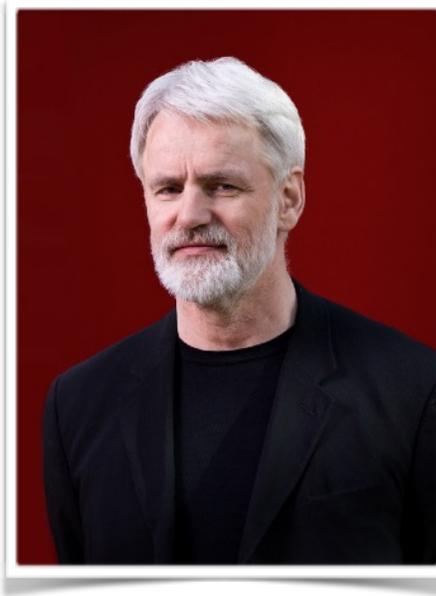
## Book your room by April 9, 2018

Your deluxe 2-queen or 1-king room is waiting for you at the DoubleTree by Hilton. Included in your room is, of course, the convenience of staying at the Convention venue but the hotel also has a 24 hr Pavillon Pantry Market, ATM, room service, safety deposit boxes and a 24-hour fitness centre with a heated indoor pool. The lobby houses DT Stages Bar serving crafted beers, wine, appetizers and dinner specials and DT Stages Kitchen which celebrates the farmer to chef relationship with a menu inspired by local ingredients; both are open until 11:00 pm nightly.

## Silent Auction

Do you have something to donate to our Silent Auction fundraiser? Contact Ivan Jonsson at [jonssoni@shaw.ca](mailto:jonssoni@shaw.ca). We appreciate and recognize all donations!

## Dr. Kári Stefánsson



Dr. Kári Stefánsson has worn many hats in his career; he was a professor of Neurology, Neuropathology and Neuroscience at Harvard University and Director of Neuropathology at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts from 1993-1997. From 1983 to 1993, he held faculty positions in Neurology, Neuropathology and Neurosciences at the University of Chicago. Dr. Stefánsson received his M.D. and Dr. Med. from the University of Iceland and is board-certified in neurology and neuropathology in the United States. Dr. Stefansson is recognized as a leading figure in human genetics and the man who began an approach to population genetics that is being adopted all over the world. He founded deCODE in 1996 and has shaped deCODE's scientific approach and been actively engaged in leading its work on human genetics.

Dr. Stefánsson's most recent award was from the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) who named Dr. Stefánsson as the 2017 recipient of the annual William Allan Award, the top prize given by the ASHG. The Allan Award is presented annually to recognize substantial and far-reaching scientific contributions to human genetics, carried out over a sustained period of scientific inquiry and productivity.

## What else is there to see or do in April in Edmonton?

While we would love to say that you will see green grass and flowers, we cannot tell a lie but here are some things you can see or do:

- Art Gallery of Alberta
- Rogers Place and the Ice District
- West Edmonton Mall
- Alberta Legislature Building
- Whyte Avenue
- Muttart Conservatory
- Telus World of Science
- World Waterpark at West Edmonton Mall

Expect average daily temperatures of 5C/ 41F and average lows of -1C/31F. Bring a sweater or light jacket but you can probably leave the umbrella at home!

Questions: just ask!  
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## Kolfinna Von Arnardóttir

As a teenager Kolfinna Von Arnardóttir would visit with her Amma and spend time perusing a collection of old fashion design magazines that her Amma had collected. Together they enjoyed studying the fashions and they even designed and made a few dresses that Kolfinna wore to celebratory events including her own college graduation. From there a career in fashion was born leading Kolfinna to study fashion in Iceland, California and ultimately earning a Masters degree from Istituto Europeo de Design in Milan.

Today she is the CEO of Reykjavik Fashion Festival and Reykjavik Fashion Academy and is a member of FKA, a professional network for Icelandic business leaders where the core is to provide support to women by helping them to manage and grow their businesses. The subject of gender equality is a passionate subject for Kolfinna who entered the world of business as a young woman and saw first hand the need for an organization like FKA.



## Sindri Sigurgeirsson

The Icelandic sheep is descended from the Northern European short tail breeds and was brought to Iceland by the Vikings in the middle ages. The vigour, hardiness and variety of uses for these sheep made them a cornerstone of the Viking settlement and later development of Icelandic culture. Genetically the Icelandic sheep is the same today as it was 1100 years ago. It is possibly the oldest and purest domesticated breed of sheep in the world today.

Sindri Sigurgeirsson, has been a farming leader for a number of years and a farmer himself for over 20 years. He studied farming at the Agricultural University of Iceland and business at the University of Bifrost, doing part of his studies at the University of Winnipeg in Manitoba. Today he is Chairman of the Icelandic Farmer's Association and runs a sheep farm at Bakkakot in the western part of Iceland.

