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Keynote Speaker



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Dr. Robert Thirsk received degrees in Mechanical Engineering, Medicine and Business Administration from the University of Calgary, MIT and McGill University. Bob has flown on two spaceflights: a mission aboard the shuttle Columbia and an expedition aboard the International Space Station.

Although he is now retired from active duty, he continues to promote a role for Canada in the delivery of remote health care to astronauts who will someday venture to deep space on missions of discovery. Bob advocates for a national economy based upon exploration, innovation and lifelong learning.