

University of Western Ontario; Visiting Research Scientist, Universities Space Research Association (NASA), Johnson Space Centre, Houston, Texas; and Visiting Research Scholar, Department of Neurology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is also Chair of the Friends of the Environment Foundation, a non-profit organization of Canada Trust.

Dr. Bondar is keenly interested in physical fitness, in educating students about environmental issues and encouraging girls in mathematics and science. She has certification in scuba diving, parachuting and holds a private pilot's license.

Her ability to communicate the mystery and wonder of space includes presentations ranging from school children to CEO's.

She has received many honours, including the Officer of the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario as well as honorary degrees from over twenty universities. She has been awarded the NASA Space Medal and the Medaille d'excellence (Association des medecins de langue francaise du Canada) and was named "La Personalite de l'Annee" by La Press in 1992.

Dr. Bondar is also the recipient of the Toastmasters International award. Born in Sault Ste. Marie, Dr. Bondar received a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and agriculture from the University of Guelph, 1968; a Master of Science in Experimental Pathology from the University of Western Ontario, 1971; a doctorate in Neurobiology from the University of Toronto; a Doctor of Medicine from McMaster University, 1977 and was admitted as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in Neurology in 1981. She also completed post-graduate training in neuro-ophthalmology at Tuft's New England Medical Centre (Boston) and at the Playfair Neuroscience Unit of Toronto Western Hospital.

Arrangements for Dr. Bondar's attendance were made through The National Speakers Bureau.