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“I enjoy the opportunity to be able to make a difference in a relatively new organization that is helping to building something special in the province. There are a lot of challenges that are associated with that and lots of opportunities.”

Dr. Kevin Keough is the Executive Director of the Alberta Prion Research Institute. Kevin is responsible for making recommendation to the CEO of AI Bio regarding the ultimate decision making of the institute. People turn to him when they are seeking advice on how to approach AI Bio and other organizations for funding.

His educational background includes undergraduate and graduate degrees in biochemistry from the University of Toronto, a PhD in biochemistry, and time spent performing post-doctoral physical biochemistry work in England.

Prior to joining the Alberta Prion Research Institute, Dr. Keough held various positions within the research sector: President and CEO of the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, the first Chief Scientist at Health Canada in Ottawa, and the first Vice-President of Research and International Relations at Memorial University of Newfoundland. He is also co-founder and President of NovaLipids Inc., the Principal of Kevin Keough Consulting Inc., and a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.

Dr. Keough also is a member of the Boards of Directors of Genome Alberta, Genome Atlantic, PrioNet Canada and Science Medi Centre of Canada. He has served as a consultant to national and international research organizations, the pharmaceutical industry and to various levels of government. He continues to actively participate in research activities and is frequently consulted on issues of science and innovation policy and management by academia.