



The Peace Innovation Initiative names Dr. Bruce Stillman of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory a Global Ambassador for the Cooperative for Humanity

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The Peace Innovation Initiative (PII) is honored to announce that Dr. Bruce Stillman, President and CEO of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (CSHL), has joined as a Global Ambassador for the PII Cooperative for Humanity, marking the beginning of a science-centered collaboration to advance what PII calls the “DNA of Peace.” Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory is one of the world’s historic leading scientific institutions, and this partnership with Dr. Stillman welcomes him into the growing global effort to position peace not as an abstract ideal, but as a teachable and scalable system comparable to biological architecture in its replicability and intelligent structure.

Dr. Stillman has been the President and CEO of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory ([CSHL](#)) since 2003, where in 1953 DNA’s double helix structure was publicly presented at the Cold Spring Harbor Symposium. A native of Australia, Dr. Stillman obtained a Bachelor of Science degree with honors at The University of Sydney and a Ph.D. from the John Curtin School of Medical Research at the Australian National University. He then moved to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory as a Postdoctoral Fellow in 1979 and has been at the Laboratory ever since, being promoted to the scientific staff in 1981. He was Director of the Cancer Center at CSHL from 1992 to 2016, and in 1994, he became Director of the Laboratory before later being appointed President.

Dr. Stillman’s scientific leadership and discoveries have earned him global recognition as one of the foremost biochemists of his generation. His pioneering research and publications on DNA replication have fundamentally shaped modern biology and influenced cancer research. He has been elected to prestigious scientific bodies including the National Academy of Sciences, The Royal Society, the Australian Academy of Science, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has been honored with such distinguished awards as the Canada Gairdner International Award, the Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize, the Heineken Prize for Biochemistry and Biophysics, and the Herbert Tabor Research Award from the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He is the recipient of seven honorary doctorates and is a member of the Medical Advisory Board of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. His accomplishments reflect a lifetime of transformative discoveries and global influence in science.

In honor of Dr. Stillman’s incredible leadership and longstanding efforts to advance scientific discovery in the areas of biochemistry and cancer research, PII nominated Dr. Stillman to join the Cooperative for Humanity as a Global Ambassador. He joins an impressive array of leading minds across sectors and industries who have accepted nominations to join the Cooperative as Global Ambassadors.

“Peace must be built with the same rigor, structure, and intelligence that guide science,” said Barbara Winston, Founder and President of PII and PII’s Cooperative for Humanity. “By welcoming Dr. Stillman into this work, we are strengthening the scientific backbone of our mission to construct the DNA of Peace and ensuring that future generations learn to see peace as our basic architecture—something that can be designed, improved, sustained, and replicated.”

“Computational intelligence is enabling us to read life with unprecedented precision, revealing biology as an intelligible architecture and unlocking the true promise of precision medicine,” said Gordon Winston, Co-Founder. “But precision without principle is not progress. As our ability to decode and act on biological data accelerates, the integrity, security, and stewardship of that data become foundational to trust, ethics, and peace. These principles mirror the structure of life itself, extending naturally across the complex systems that increasingly define modern society. We are honored to welcome Dr. Stillman, whose scientific leadership exemplifies the understanding that discovery carries responsibility, and that lasting human progress, across science, technology, and society, must be built with the same rigor, care, and ethical foundation as life itself.”

Last year, PII officially launched the Cooperative for Humanity: a community of visionary leaders from diverse

organizations around the world who are leading a global movement to accelerate positive change and establish active peace as a pillar of innovation worldwide. As members continue their independent work and peace efforts, they collectively serve as a force multiplier: elevating and amplifying the positive impact already in motion for peace across industries and inviting the world to join in their unified commitment.

Dr. Stillman's acceptance to become one of the Cooperative for Humanity's Global Ambassadors underscores a growing recognition that science plays a foundational role in peacebuilding and that the ethics of peace are critical for advancing scientific discovery. Genetics research and corresponding scientific advancements contribute directly to global stability through progress in health, medicine, food security, and equitable access to resources. With Dr. Stillman's participation, the PII Cooperative for Humanity will explore ways to elevate "Science for Peace" as a core element of their work, bringing scientific credibility and educational rigor into the global peace innovation conversation and integrating these building blocks back into the scientific community.

"From a foundation of inquiry and discovery, science plays a critical role in building a more stable and peaceful world," Dr. Stillman said. "Fundamental science and the advancements they lead to can strengthen global well-being and expand equitable access to resources. I am honored to join the PII Cooperative for Humanity as a Global Ambassador and help elevate 'Science for Peace'. Science is an important part of our shared effort to accelerate positive change."

This announcement signals a key step toward integrating the global scientific community into a bold, long-term movement to reimagine cross-sector collaboration and innovation as a pathway to peace. It will create the basis for a new era of work at the intersection of science and peace.

About The Peace Innovation Initiative

Founded in 2021, the Peace Innovation Initiative (PII) is the new accelerator for active peace and impact. Operating as a 501c3, PII is devoted to the mission of creating and enabling a global practice of peace and works across sectors and industries to build a world where our global industries and investments are constructed upon a framework of sustainable peacebuilding, measurable outcomes, ROI and impact. PII accelerates positive disruption across four key interest areas: health, education, clean energy, and innovation. PII's first program, The DNA of Peace PhD Fellowship, was launched in 2023 at the UN-mandated University for Peace to support Health and Peace Fellows. The PII Cooperative for Humanity was established in late 2025 as a community of visionaries leading a global movement to accelerate positive disruption and establish peace as a pillar of innovation worldwide. For more information, visit www.peaceinnovationinitiative.org

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