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Le professeur Saeed Mirza - Membre et "fellow" de la Société canadienne de génie civil

Le professeur Mirza est professeur de génie civil à l'Université McGill. Il est probablement la personne qui incarne le mieux l'idéal souhaité pour un lauréat de la médaille Stirling. Je vous rappelle, mesdames et messieurs, qu'il est ici question de leadership et de service au niveau national.

Le professeur Mirza a fait preuve d'un dévouement exceptionnel à l'endroit des sociétés professionnelles. Il a servi la SCGC à divers titres, au sein de multiples comités, au niveau national et international. Il en a fait autant pour l'ICI. Pendant toute cette période, le professeur a également créé, au sein de la SCGC, une division du génie mécanique. Pour avoir une idée de la multiplicité de ses apports, il suffit de lire son CV et de consulter la liste (deux pages !) des comités qu'il a dirigés ou dont il a été un membre important.

Over the past 15 years Dr. Mirza has also devoted himself to promoting awareness of the rapidly deteriorating state of the nation's infrastructure. Under the umbrella of the Technical Activities Committee of the CSCE, Dr. Mirza founded the Technical Committee on Rehabilitation. At every opportunity whether it be a technical session, conference or a public forum, he has attempted to persuade the media, government officials and politicians that attention must be paid to the countries infrastructure, especially for transportation, energy and communications. He has also initiated a number of conferences, which are now regular events, for example, the International Conference on Short and Medium Span Bridges, Computers in Engineering, and the International Colloquium in Concrete in Developing Countries. On behalf of Canada as the CSCE Liaison Officer with CIDA he also organized technical exchanges with China, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh and Brazil, as well as the US and a number of European Countries. Really we should be honouring Dr. Mirza as a Technical Ambassador for Canada.

With his indefatigable energy and his great dedication he has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of civil engineering. He is a most worthy candidate and it is with a sense of privilege and pleasure that we present this year's recipient of the John B. Stirling Medal

Mr. President - Dr. Saeed Mirza