

***David M. Cruden - nominated by the Canadian Geotechnical Society for the
Julian C. Smith Medal***

David Cruden has spent the last three and a half decades in the Department of Civil Engineering and Geology at the University of Alberta where he attained the title Professor Emeritus. He is recognized in Canada and internationally as a leader in engineering geology and the application of risk to geohazards. As an expert in landslides, David Cruden has been instrumental in developing policy and guidelines for the management of large landslides in Western Canada, and his advice has been sought by consultants and governments around the world.

As a researcher, David Cruden has published over 250 technical papers, many of which have been published in international journals. As a teacher, he has played a significant role in developing Canada's human resources by training highly qualified personnel. His first-class teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels has earned him wide respect and awards, and the prominence of the U of A graduate program in Engineering Geology across North America owes much to David Cruden.

The purpose of the Julian C. Smith Medal is to honour those who have contributed to the development of Canada. For over 40 years, David Cruden has made major and continuous contributions to this country and to the profession of Geotechnique through his important research work on landslides, his teaching, and his active participation in Canadian and international societies.....indeed, a most worthy recipient of the honour we now confer this evening.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Madam President, as the Recipient of the Julian C. Smith Medal, please welcome David Cruden.