

Andrew Hastie (Drew) Wilson - nominated by the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering for the Sir John Kennedy Medal

Andrew Hastie (Drew) Wilson needs little introduction for an EIC audience, but this evening, we will do so anyway and honour this distinguished engineer who has done so much for the Canadian engineering community including the EIC and the CSME.

After graduation, Drew worked in his native Scotland as a mechanical designer and engineer before emigrating to Canada where he worked with the Atomic Energy of Canada as a senior mechanical design engineer and research administrator, with the Economic Council of Canada as a policy analyst, with the Science Council of Canada as a policy advisor and project manager and then with the National Research Council of Canada as a principal research officer. For most of Drew's career, the emphasis of his research and publication work was on science and technology policy, human resource issues affecting engineers and scientists, technical innovation and information transfer and the economics of building, principally for the Economic, Science and National Research Councils. From the time of his retirement from NRC in 1986 until the present, this emphasis shifted to the history of engineering, with particular reference to Canada, the development of the EIC and the preservation of its archival material. Drew has written and edited prolifically and his more than 200 publications include a book, several book contributions, refereed journal papers, reports and articles. He has helped to explain engineering's place within the broad world of science, research, development and technology.

Drew's many years of service to the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering and the Engineering Institute of Canada have been marked by dedication, enthusiasm and passion. He served as a Council member of both the CSME and the EIC for several years, was the founder of the CSME History Committee, chaired the EIC History activities, and was President of both the CSME and the EIC. Drew represented Canada at many international conferences and meetings on science and technology policy, technological innovation, technology transfer and building economics, and his direct involvement led to the formation of the Canadian Academy of Engineering.

Drew has been honoured throughout his career with several awards including the John B. Stirling Medal (EIC), the W. Gordon Plewes Award (CSCE), the CSME President's Award and with Fellowships from the EIC, the IMechE, the CSME and the ASME. To this impressive list, we can now add the highest medal of honour within the Institute, the Sir John Kennedy Medal.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Madam President, as the Recipient of the Sir John Kennedy Medal, please welcome Drew Wilson.