

Jon Jennekens - nominated by the Canadian Society for Senior Engineers

Jon Jennekens has been a recognized leader and contributor to engineering from the start of his career at Royal Military College. Jon spent several years in the military serving as a commissioned officer in the RCME and with the UN peacekeeping force in South Korea. Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories was Jon's first industry posting. From 1962 to 1993 he served in senior positions in the Atomic Energy Control Board in Ottawa, rising through the ranks to become President and Chief Executive Officer. He was one of the most senior people in the federal public service. During that time, Jon also served the worldwide atomic/nuclear energy community as Deputy Director-General with the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. During this period, he was deeply involved at the national and international levels with questions of nuclear safety and the proliferation of nuclear weapons. In 1993, he retired officially but continued to serve as a technical advisor and consultant.

Jon's distinguished service to Canada and to the engineering profession were recognized in 1987 by his appointment as an Officer of the Order of Canada, and by his election a year later to the Canadian Academy of Engineering in which he continues to play a part. In 1990, Jon Jennekens received the Ian F. McRae Award from the Canadian Nuclear Association for his contributions to nuclear engineering. His active participation in the Canadian Society for Senior Engineers continues to this day through his role as Ontario Representative on the Board.

How fortunate we are this evening to be joined by Jon so that we can also recognize his accomplishments in Canadian engineering. A most fitting way to do so is by the conferring of an EIC fellowship.

Ladies & gentlemen and Mr. President, please welcome Jon Jennekens as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.