David Wilkinson - nominated by the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering

After many years with Ballard Power Systems where he attained the position of Vice President, Research and Development, David Wilkinson joined the National Research Council in Vancouver in 2003 as Principal Research Officer at the Institute of Fuel Cell Innovation. Internationally recognized for his excellence in Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell research, David has been instrumental as a technology leader at Ballard Power Systems in developing and bringing technology to the commercialization stage. His contributions have helped Ballard to bring enormous fame for Canada. Canada is now considered to be a world leader in Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cells.

David Wilkinson has an impressive list of publications, patents, scholarships and awards. As an innovator, he has demonstrated leadership and teamwork at NRC, and has helped to establish the NRC Institute for Fuel Cell Innovation as a leading research and development laboratory in PEM Fuel Cell technology and to foster the establishment of a national network linking industry, universities and government laboratories.

David has a distinguished track record of research and service to the profession and society. He enjoys mentoring and has always served as an excellent role model for young scientists and engineers. Tonight we honour David for his many achievements in Canadian engineering.

Ladies & gentlemen and Madam President, please welcome David Wilkinson as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.