

Gary Salmon - nominated by the Canadian Dam Association

Gary Salmon has been amongst the most respected and internationally recognized Canadian engineers in the field of dam safety. The body of engineering work that Gary advanced during his 32 years at BC Hydro has left a lasting legacy for our profession. After retiring as Director of Dam Safety, Gary continued his work as an international consultant. During his tenure, Gary established BC Hydro as one of the world's leading centres of dam safety. In additional to his contributions to traditional industry practices, he pioneered the development and application of risk-based dam safety evaluation processes. In recent years, he represented Canada on the Dam Safety Committee of the International Commission of Large Dams, served as President of the Canadian Dam Safety Association and was heavily involved in establishing the CDA's Dam Safety Guidelines.

Gary Salmon was a co-founder of the CEATI Dam Safety Interest Group in the early 1990's and its Technology Coordinator for over 10 years. Under his stewardship and visionary leadership this organization of internationally recognized dam owners collaborated on a number of innovative projects that advanced dam safety for practitioners. Though many of the reports and studies produced over the past 10 years can be classified as outstanding examples of research and development in the field, the book "Risk and Uncertainty in Dam Safety" is amongst the pinnacles. Gary's leadership was instrumental in its preparation.

Gary Salmon received the CDA's Inge Anderson Award for his contributions to the advancement of Dam Safety as well as the Meritorious Achievement Award from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia. He was a mentor to many Canadian and International engineers ranging from engineers-in-training through to the directors of dam safety programs. The EIC is proud to include the name of Gary Salmon among its distinguished Fellows.

We were all saddened to hear of Gary's recent passing but are very honoured to have his wife, Mrs. Salmon, with us this evening. Ladies & gentlemen and Mr. President, please welcome Mrs. Salmon to accept this Fellowship on behalf of her late husband, Gary Salmon, from the Engineering Institute of Canada.