



***Gerry Buydens - nominated by the Canadian Society for Senior Engineers***

Gerry Buydens is a Principal with Buydens Engineering in Victoria, BC, a practice that has, since 1997, specialized in engineering consulting services related to the B.C. building codes and their adaptation to enhanced seismic requirements. Gerry spent most of his career, however, working with the B.C. Government. His environmental and building design experience began at the B.C. Ministry of the Environment, the Provincial Parks Branch and the B.C. Ministry of Forests. He was named Building Standards Officer with the B.C. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing where he provided technical expertise and advice in the field of building codes and related regulations. Gerry developed and researched building code modifications resulting in improved building codes. As Manager of the Seismic Mitigation Program with the B.C. Ministry of Finance, Gerry oversaw the development, adaptation, implementation and maintenance of seismic design procedures, standards, technical practices and policies required to technically evaluate, retrofit and strengthen seismic-deficient B.C. public buildings.

*Gerry Buydens has contributed significantly to the EIC and its Member Societies. He led the EIC Vancouver Island Branch as President for ten years and became a Director of the Canadian Society for Senior Engineers. He successfully integrated the EIC and CSSE programs to offer a series of luncheon technical meetings for local members. Additionally, Gerry volunteered with the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering where he chaired the Vancouver Island Branch from 2001 to 2003, and is credited with reviving the CSCE Vancouver Island Section in Victoria. He continues today as CSCE Chair of that section. In addition, Gerry Buydens served on the executive of the APEGBC for a period of nine years.*

In 2001, Gerry Buydens was recognized by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering with a Fellowship for his many contributions to the professions and for his fervour in promoting the cause of technical society membership among his peers and young engineers. Tonight we honour Gerry for his volunteer activities on behalf of the community, the EIC and its Member Societies, and for his career achievements in the field of building code and regulatory leadership within the Province of British Columbia. What better way to do so than by welcoming him to the ranks of EIC Fellows.

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