

John Douglas Mollard - nominated by the Canadian Geotechnical Society for the Sir John Kennedy Medal

John Douglas (Jack) Mollard is founder, owner and principal of J.D. Mollard and Associates Ltd., a consulting firm specializing in applied multidisciplinary aerial photographic and satellite image interpretation and analysis for earth engineering, resource development and environmental applications. Since forming the firm in 1956, Jack has conducted and directed over 5,000 consulting, research and teaching assignments in the 10 Canadian provinces, 3 territories, 7 continents and on the planet Mars. He continues to apply his expertise with great joy and enthusiasm in fulltime consulting practice.

Jack Mollard was among the first in Canada, if not the first, to introduce and bring into common practice the science and art of aerial photographic and satellite image interpretation. With great vision and entrepreneurial spirit over his 60 year career, he helped to create a new geotechnical engineering sub-discipline by combining the application of this technology with an in-depth knowledge of earth processes in the fields of geology, physical geography and environmental science. Through a life dedicated to research, consulting, teaching and the publication of books and technical papers, Jack nurtured this new discipline from its infancy to what is now an essential component of geotechnical engineering practice throughout Canada and the world.

Jack Mollard has been the recipient of many honours throughout his career including the R.F. Legget Medal, the Roy Thomas Award, the R.M. Hardy Memorial Award, the Rodger J.E. Brown Award and the Cross-Canada Distinguished Lecturer in 1993, all from the Canadian Geotechnical Society; the Keefer Medal from the EIC; Fellowships in the EIC and the Canadian Academy of Engineering; and Officer of the Order of Canada, to name but a few. In addition, John has given so willingly of his free time to the community, often giving talks to service clubs, church groups and government agencies. He is a member of the Rotary Club and Past Director of the Regina Symphony Orchestra. What pleasure we take this evening in conferring the highest honour of the Institute on this distinguished Canadian.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Mr. President, as the Recipient of the Sir John Kennedy Medal, please welcome John Douglas Mollard.