

Arthur Heidebrecht - nominated by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering

Arthur Heidebrecht is a Professor Emeritus of McMaster University where he served as Chair of the Department of Civil Engineering and Engineering Mechanics; Dean of the Faculty of Engineering; and Provost and Vice-President Academic. Specializing in structural and earthquake engineering with special interests in the seismic response of tall buildings, his research work was pivotal in shaping the seismic provisions of the National Building Code of Canada. A frequent keynote speaker at, and Technical Chair of, International Earthquake Engineering Conferences, Arthur is recognized as one of the world's leaders in earthquake engineering.

At McMaster, Arthur spearheaded the development of a ground-breaking degree program in Indigenous Studies and led the development of a Bachelor of Technology Degree Program. He has also served as the Principal of McMaster's Divinity College and recently spearheaded a review of the engineering curriculum as it relates to the integration of sustainability concepts.

Arthur Heidebrecht has been honoured for his many accomplishments with awards such as the Gzowski Medal from the CSCE and Fellowships from the CSCE and the Canadian Academy of Engineering. Tonight, we are only too pleased to celebrate his career with the honours we now confer.

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