



The Engineering Institute of Canada

2024 Award Citation

John B. Stirling Medal

(awarded for leadership and distinguished service at the national level within the Institute and/or its Member Societies, by members of these Societies)



Jean Hutchinson

Nominated by the Canadian Geotechnical Society

Dr. Jean Hutchinson is Research Director at the GeoEngineering Centre at Queen's University and RMC. She is a world-class researcher, educator and practicing engineer, with expertise in engineering geology, soil and rock mechanics and remote sensing. She is an internationally recognized expert in landslide hazards, subsidence and risk assessment and risk reduction.

Professor Hutchinson is an exceptional communicator and collaborator, and an exemplary mentor and role model to students, younger professionals and engineers, both men and women. She has assumed continuing leadership roles in the CGS, serving the philanthropic Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique over a decade, and currently is president of the Foundation. She is a founding member of Queen's "Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Indigeneity" Committee in geosciences, an initiative which has now been adopted by the CGS and by many national geotechnical societies in Europe, Asia, the US, Mexico and South America.

She is also Vice-President (North America) of the International Association of Engineering Geology (IAEG) where she also served on the Committee for the Schuster Medal jointly awarded by the CGS and IAEG. Professor Hutchinson has and continues to devote her life to the betterment of the CGS.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Ms. President, please welcome Jean Hutchinson as a worthy recipient of the John B. Stirling Medal of the Engineering Institute of Canada.