

## *Honorary Life Membership Award*

*Myron G. Britton, P.Eng., PhD. FEC*



Ron Britton registered with the Association in 1964, and has been a member continuously for 50 years. Dr. Britton obtained his B.E. in Civil Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan in 1962, M.Sc. in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Manitoba in 1969 and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1973. Ron has over 45 years experience in engineering education, academia and administration with the University of Manitoba as Professor, Associate Dean and Acting Dean of Faculty of Engineering.

Ron started his career working as a field engineer in various companies for five years starting in 1962. His first job in academia was a Lecturer with Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Manitoba in 1967. After completion of his Ph.D., he worked as an Assistant Professor at Agricultural Engineering Department, Texas A&M University. He rejoined the Department of Agricultural Engineering, at the U of M as an Assistant Professor in 1973. Ron became a Professor at Department of Civil and Geological Engineering and Associate Dean (Design Engineering) both in 2000. Starting the following year and until his retirement in 2012, Ron held the position of NSERC Chair in Engineering Design.

Ron provided the vision, the drive and the administrative ability in establishing the Internationally Educated Engineers Qualifications Program in Manitoba (IEEQ). He was also instrumental in establishing the first true Engineer in Residence (EiR) program in Canada at the University of Manitoba.

Over the past 50 years, Ron has made significant contributions to the engineering profession through many APEGM committees, and was President for the Association in 1998/99. Dr. Britton is also a past director of Engineers Canada.

He was selected as one of the first Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Design Chairs in Engineering, and served in that capacity for ten years. He is the joint author of 47 publications in refereed journals and refereed conference proceedings. Ron has received many awards and honours throughout his career from a number of organizations, including the Medal of Distinction in Engineering Education by the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers in 1995. Most recently, he was the recipient of Meritorious Service Award for Professional Service from Engineers Canada in 2013.

Ron's many years of service to the Association are characterized by his outstanding ability and by his dedication to the engineering profession. The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba is extremely grateful to him for the dedicated service he has rendered in so many areas of the Association's activities, and in appreciation is pleased to confer Honorary Life Membership on Dr. Ron Britton.