

News Release

Former PEO President and DeVita Associates President Honoured for Extraordinary Service to Profession

Toronto - (April 28, 2003) - To honour his extensive service to the engineering profession, Peter M. DeVita, P.Eng., of Richmond Hill, has been named a Companion of Professional Engineers Ontario's Order of Honour. He was presented with the award at PEO's Order of Honour Gala at the Mississauga Delta Meadowvale Resort and Conference Centre on April 26, 2003.

Engineer Peter M. DeVita is recognized for his many years of dedicated service and initiatives to advance the profession. For over 10 years, Peter has served the Ontario engineering profession conscientiously and with enthusiasm, through his leadership of PEO committees and task groups, and as a member of Council. Peter was a Lieutenant Governor-in-Council appointee to PEO Council for six years, Vice President in 1998-1999, President-elect in 1999-2000, President in 2000-2001 and Past President in 2001-2002.

Peter has been cited for his forward-thinking views about the profession, and for his dedication to its advancement. He has also advocated for the increased recognition of engineers and engineering functions. Peter helped ensure that PEO now recognizes its responsibility to regulate new disciplines identified as being part of the engineering profession, including software engineering and bioengineering.

He was also involved in the creation of PEO's Enforcement Committee, to add a strategic element to PEO's activities relating to establishing and maintaining the right to practise.

Peter's involvement was instrumental in the creation of the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (the Society), the independent advocacy/member interest organization for engineers in Ontario. As President from 1984 to 1986 and board member for 10 years, he served the Canadian Society for Professional Engineers (CSPE), which worked with PEO to facilitate the formation of the Society in 2000.

As a board member of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers, he served on the Canadian Engineering Human Resources Board and the Executive Committee.

Peter served on PEO's Discipline Committee for nine years, and became the "Whole" committee's first volunteer chair in 1999. He has also served on many other committees and task forces, including the Women in Engineering Advisory Committee and the Computer Task Force.

The Order of Honour pays tribute to individuals who have rendered conspicuous service to the engineering profession. The rank of Companion, the Order's highest distinction, is reserved for those who have profoundly influenced the profession.

Professional Engineers Ontario administers the Professional Engineers Act by licensing professional engineers, and setting standards for and regulating engineering in Ontario so that the public interest is served and protected. Rigorously educated, experienced, and committed to a Code of Ethics that puts the public interest first, licensed professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names.

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