

LU mining engineering professor receives national award

Dr. Peter K. Kaiser, President and Executive Director of Laurentian University's Mining Innovation, Rehabilitation and Applied Research Corporation (MIRARCO), was recently selected by the Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC) to be designated a Fellow of the Institute. He will be recognized at the EIC's annual honors and awards banquet to be held at the National Art Centre in Ottawa, on March 6. Dr Kaiser's appointment as Fellow of EIC is an important achievement. Only up to 20 Fellows may be recognized each year among 35,000 members of Canada's engineering technical societies associated with the EIC. Fellows are identified for their excellence in engineering and their outstanding service to the engineering profession in Canada.

As President of MIRARCO, Dr. Kaiser is spearheading ongoing efforts to promote sustainable mining and economic development in Northern Ontario. The research center seeks to assist the mining industry solve strategic problems that will make the industry more competitive, stimulate regional development, and serve as a model for tomorrow's knowledge-based industrial sectors.

A professor of Mining Engineering at Laurentian University Since 1987, Dr. Kaiser holds the Chair for Rock Engineering and Ground Control, and is the Director of the Geomechanics Research Centre. Specialized in applied research for mining, his particular interests lie in geomechanics, tunneling, and applications of new technologies to mining operations in order to increase safety and productivity.

Dr. Kaiser brings extensive experience from both the industrial and academic sectors as he has served as consultant for numerous consulting engineers, mines, and public agencies. He is the author of over 150 technical and scientific publications in the field of geomechanics, tunneling, and mine design.

Dr. Kaiser has already received numerous honors and awards such as the 1993 Laurentian University Research Excellence Award, the 1994 J.A. Franklin Award from the Geotechnical Society of Canada, the 1993 Schlumberger Lecture Award for Excellence in Rock Mechanics, and the 1991 Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy Distinguished Service Award. He also received an honorary Professorship in Mining Engineering from the northeastern University Shenyang, P.R. China, in 1997.

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