



Media Release

Toronto Engineer and Respected Ambassador for the Profession Celebrated for her Devoted Volunteer Service and Achievements

Toronto – (May 14, 2012) – For her unfailing dedication to the engineering profession, Márta Ecsedi, P.Eng., FEC of Toronto, has been named a Companion of the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Order of Honour. She was inducted into the order at a May 11, 2012 gala in Toronto.

Since her induction into the Order of Honour as Member in 1994, Ecsedi has continued her dedicated volunteer commitment toward ensuring the profession is inclusive and recognizes the contributions of its licence holders.

A champion of PEO's award programs, Ecsedi was a member of the Awards Committee for 15 years, chairing it for five of them to lead the group that solicits and evaluates nominations for PEO's Order of Honour and the Ontario Professional Engineers Awards. She also promotes the extraordinary contributions of licence holders as an active member of the committee's External Honours Subcommittee. Chair of the G. Gordon M. Sterling Engineering Intern Award subcommittee since 2009, Ecsedi facilitated development of the selection criteria for the new award. First presented in 2010, the Sterling award promotes leadership development and is available annually to those registered in PEO's Engineering Intern (EIT) program. Ecsedi actively promotes the award to EITs and encourages them to pursue licensure.

Also passionate about ensuring an inclusive profession, Ecsedi has chaired the Equity and Diversity Committee since 2004. In 2011, the committee's draft policy and action plan to integrate equity and diversity values and principles into PEO operations were approved by council. The objective of the policy is to ensure a PEO environment where all stakeholders are treated equitably and members of diverse groups are recognized, welcomed and valued.

In addition to her committee work, Ecsedi contributed to PEO governance as a Councillor-at-Large from 2006 to 2008.

"I have been passionate about my volunteer work with PEO since I first chaired the Women in Engineering Advisory Committee 25 years ago," she says. "I have been very lucky to have many more exciting opportunities to contribute to our profession. It's a privilege to serve and I will continue to do so."

The Order of Honour pays tribute to individuals who have rendered conspicuous service to the engineering profession. The Order of Honour's highest distinction, the rank of Companion recognizes contributions that exceed those of Officer. It is reserved exclusively for individuals whose distinguished service has profoundly influenced the profession.

About Professional Engineers Ontario

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