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# Media Release

## **Former Windsor Engineer and Education Outreach Advocate Celebrated for Volunteer Contributions to the Profession**

Toronto – (April 29, 2013) – For championing science, math and engineering education, Gheorghe M. Bacioiu, PhD, P.Eng., formerly of Windsor, has been named a Member of the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Order of Honour. He was inducted into the order at an April 26, 2013 gala in Toronto.

Passionate about education outreach initiatives, Dr. Bacioiu has been a volunteer for PEO's Engineer-in-Residence (EIR) program continuously for the past 12 years. The program partners engineers with educators and industry to bring real world experience to the teaching of science, math and technology. As part of this initiative, Dr. Bacioiu conducted presentations and workshops for students in grades JK to 8, engaging them in hands-on learning through the design and building of projects ranging from bridges and benches to bird houses and air bags.

Dr. Bacioiu also served on the PEO Windsor-Essex Chapter executive for six years until, in 2007, he returned to school to complete his PhD. While on the executive, he served two terms as treasurer and one as vice chair, and was a founding member of the chapter's Lean Concepts Subcommittee in 2006. This group continues to organize technical presentations on the principles of Lean and how it applies in various industries.

An international engineering graduate, Dr. Bacioiu frequently speaks to gatherings of newcomers, sharing his experiences as a professional engineer in Canada and providing information on PEO's licensing requirements.

The Order of Honour pays tribute to individuals who have rendered conspicuous service to the engineering profession. The rank of Member is bestowed upon those who have served the profession by contributing substantially to its operation or improvement in its status.

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