



# Media Release

## Engineering Regulator Honours Toronto Engineer for Leadership and Exceptional Commitment to the Profession

Toronto – (April 28, 2014) – Vasilj Petrovic, P.Eng., PgMP, PMP, FEC, of Toronto, has been named a Member of the Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) Order of Honour. He was inducted into the order at an April 25 gala in Niagara Falls.

Petrovic has been chair, past chair, or vice chair of PEO's Kingsway Chapter for the past 18 years. As chair from 2004 to 2005 and again from 2010 to 2012, he encouraged the chapter to host at least one major event each month. As a result, Petrovic led one of the most active chapters in the PEO system.

Perhaps his most notable achievement was organizing the play *Tesla: An Evening with Genius*. Celebrating the engineering achievements of Nikola Tesla, the event attracted hundreds of people over three, sold-out performances. Petrovic's efforts to promote the famous inventor also included: contributing an article to *Engineering Dimensions*, PEO's official journal; initiating a lecture in conjunction with PEO and IEEE Toronto; and helping to establish a memorial statue in Niagara Falls. This work has earned him the affectionate nickname of "Mr. Tesla".

An active proponent of education outreach activities, Petrovic was influential in the chapter's development of scholarships for deserving high school students who plan on studying engineering in university. He also helped to increase the profession's exposure beyond his chapter, by building cooperation and collaboration among neighbouring Toronto-area chapters to stage larger, joint initiatives, such as engineering licence certificate presentations and seminars.

"During my time volunteering for PEO, I have truly enjoyed the work I have done and the friendships I have made with colleagues from diverse engineering backgrounds," says Petrovic. "As a leader in my chapter, I am always amazed by how a volunteer-driven organization is able to complete an incredible amount of important work while having fun at the same time."

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.

### About Professional Engineers Ontario

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs over 82,000 licence and certificate holders and regulates professional engineering in Ontario to serve and protect the public. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment. Professional engineers can be identified by the P.Eng. after their names.

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