

## **Award for Service to the Profession of Geography Dr Bryan H. Massam**

Bryan H. Massam is a Professor of Geography at York University in Toronto. He is an excellent ambassador for the discipline.

Bryan promotes his subject and contributes to scholarship through his writing, lecturing, consulting and administration. His post-graduate studies were completed at McMaster University where he completed an MA in 1967 and two years later a PhD. after his undergraduate education at the University of London in the UK. His formal academic career began at McGill University in 1969 where he taught in the Department of Geography and the School of Urban Planning until 1977 when he moved to York University.

In 1995 Bryan was elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and in 1995 he was honoured by geographers in Ontario with the award of the Ontario Division of the CAG with the Special Award for contributions to Ontario Geography. In 2001 Bryan was inducted into the McMaster Alumni Gallery. All these awards attest to his recognition as a top-notch Canadian Geographer.

Bryan is the author of several books and numerous academic articles and reports on planning, environmental assessment, multi-criteria decision analysis, civil society and public policy making. As a consultant and lecturer he has worked in many countries and he has been a visiting professor at a number of universities including the London School of Economics, Murdoch University, Australia, the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, the University of Hong Kong, and the Singapore National University. Bryan is co-editor of the international planning journal *Progress in Planning* that is published by Elsevier Press in Oxford and he has served on the editorial board of a number of journals.

Bryan has served as Director of the Graduate Programme in Geography at York University and also as Chair of the undergraduate programme for seven years. He was Dean of Research at York University for six years in the 1980's. And more recently he served as President of the Canadian Association of Geographers (1996-8). In all these responsible positions his work has been very highly regarded.