

Award for Service to the Profession of Geography

Dr Philip J. Howarth

Dr. Philip Howarth's service to the discipline of Geography is multi-faceted. He holds a long and distinguished record that includes time devoted to administration, commitments to the training of young geographers, and outreach to the community. These efforts serve to advance the goals and influences of our profession.

Among his many responsibilities, Dr. Howarth has been a member of the Canadian Association of Geographers' Nominating Committee and is currently an elected member of the Board of Governors of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. He has been invited repeatedly to evaluate different departments to ensure the vitality of the Geography programs in many parts of Canada. Within his own University of Waterloo, Philip has been the Chair of the Geography Department, during which tenure he has strengthened its curriculum, recruited new faculty members and augmented resources in the interest of Geography. His consensual approach brings about a high degree of collegiality enjoyed by faculty and students on both the Human and Physical sides of Geography. He has also been on various committees at the university level: Senate Graduate Council, Faculty Council and Faculty Graduate Committee, to name a few, providing a voice for Geography in university affairs.

Over the years, he has successfully supervised over 40 Master's and 18 doctoral students in Geography, many of whom now apply their knowledge in Geography in their work. Several of them are presently established as professors who continue and enlarge Dr. Howarth's effort in teaching and training future geographers.

Dr. Howarth's research and technical strength in remote sensing stands him in good stead in offering service to the communities within and outside of Geography. He has brought geographical applications to the agricultural, resource and planning sectors, providing results that yield significant economic gains and environmental benefits. He is truly an ambassador of Geography to the society.