COG CEO and President Fred Dermarkar and Executive Assistant Bernice Brooks accepted the Canadian Nuclear John S. Hewitt Team Achievement Award from CNS president John Luxat at a ceremony in Ottawa. June 25. Dermarkar was also recognized for advancing the industry.

Recognizing a lifetime of excellence through collaboration

COG brings home two Nuclear Achievement Awards as President and CEO Fred Dermarkar and the entire COG team receive recognition for contributions to Canada’s nuclear industry

There is a saying in the nuclear industry: “Say it, do it, celebrate it,” and on Tuesday, June 25, that is exactly what a group of CANDU Owners Group (COG) employees did when they travelled to Ottawa to accept the Canadian Nuclear John S. Hewitt Team Achievement Award on behalf of colleagues past and present.

Bernice Brooks, who has served as executive assistant to every COG president accepted the award on behalf of all COG employees. Board chair Gary Newman also attended the award ceremony.

The day had double significance for COG President and CEO Fred Dermarkar who was recognized with the prestigious Ian McCrae Award, which honours an individual for substantive contributions to the advancement of nuclear energy in Canada.

COG received the team award for “its achievements in advancing technical and leadership knowledge and sharing operating experience across CANDU stations around the world.” Among the many programs recognized by the awards committee was COG’s contributions to solving great technical challenges such as enhancing the understanding of pressure tubes to develop improved fitness for service criteria for fuel channels, feeder-thinning mechanisms and life-cycle management; helping members manage obsolescence; and for engaging the supplier community through a collaborative forum that allows them to learn from each other and the utilities in a manner that strengthens the industry, overall. The committee also noted the contributions to the advancement of nuclear energy in Canada.

Other award recipients included:
• Sardar Alikhan, Howard A. Smith Outstanding Achievement
• Jerry Hopwood, Howard A. Smith Outstanding Achievement
• Randall Lesco, Howard A. Smith Outstanding Achievement
• Glenn Archinoff, George C. Laurence Award for Nuclear Safety
• Pickering Whole-Site Risk Assessment Team, John S. Hewitt Team Achievement Award
• Darlington RP and Training Team, John S. Hewitt Team Achievement Award
• Vault Access Software Tracking Team (Bruce Power), John S. Hewitt Team Achievement Award
• George Berezinal, Education and Communication Award
• Ryan Morco, R.E. Jervis Award

COG President recognized for industry leadership

COG President and CEO Fred Dermarkar was recognized by his peers with the Canadian Nuclear Society (CNS) Ian McCrae Award. The award honours an individual for substantive contributions, other than scientific, to the advancement of nuclear energy in Canada.

“Through his vision and leadership, Mr. Dermarkar has transformed COG into a vibrant and proficient entity for supporting nuclear energy in Canada and worldwide, as well as the development of young professionals.”

Other COG collaborators, projects and industry friends also received awards during the luncheon recognition ceremony. R.E. Jervis Award winner Jacy Conrad thanked COG for sponsoring her co-op PhD placement at Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, where she was able to practically pursue her research in heavy water chemistry and deuterium isotope modelling.

Other award recipients included:
• 2002 - Stu Groom
• 2003 - Paul Koenderman
• 2004 - Duncan Hawthorne
• 2005 - Gary Kugler
• 2007 - Michael Lees
• 2008 - Joanne M. Ball
• 2010 - Ken Nash
• 2012 - Gerald Grandey
• 2013 - Tom Mitchell
• 2015 - Robert S. Walker
• 2017 - Joan Miller
• 2018 - Joanne M. Ball

Since 2000, other recipients of the Ian McCrae award have included:
• 2002 - R. E. Jervis Award
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• 2018 - R. E. Jervis Award

COG President and CEO Fred Dermarkar receives the Canadian Nuclear Society’s Ian McCrae Award from Canadian Nuclear Association President John Gorman, June 25 at a ceremony in Ottawa.

Several COG staff represented their colleagues. L-R: Amanda Debidyal, Nidhi Gaudani, Steve Choi, Bernice Brooks, Natalie Adlers, Liette Lemieux and Fred Dermarkar.

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