



Members in the Spotlight

Doctor Honoris Causa for Raj Singhal



Dr. Raj Singhal
delivering his
acceptance speech.

The University of Petrosani, Romania, has awarded the title of *Doctor Honoris Causa* to Dr. Raj Singhal. Double honour this year to Raj Singhal comes by his election to a foreign member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences. Two years ago, Dr. Singhal was awarded the Honorary Professorship by the National Mining University of Ukraine.

Currently, Singhal works as science advisor for the federal government's Scientific Research and Experimental Development Program. He began working for the Canadian government in 1983 as group coordinator, oil sands mining, for Gulf Canada Resources, after having worked for Suncor Inc. and McIntyre Mines since moving to Canada in 1975. He earned his B.Sc. in mining engineering from the University of Nottingham in 1963 and his Ph.D. in geotechnical engineering from the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1970. He worked in several countries, including the U.K., the United States, India, Norway, and Zambia before settling in Canada.

Once described as a "one-man technology transfer centre" by World Mining Equipment, Singhal's greatest achievements have been in the area of technology transfer where regionally, nationally, and internationally, he has brought together industry, university, government and private researchers.

He is the chair of the international organizing committees of both the International Symposium on Mine Planning and Equipment Selection, and the International Conference on Environmental Issues and Management of Waste in Energy and Mineral Production. The editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Surface Mining, Reclamation, and Environment*, Singhal remains on top of the latest technological breakthroughs both at home and abroad.

Singhal has authored over 150 technical papers, more than half of which were

presented at various symposia and conferences in Canada and abroad. He has edited ten conference proceedings. He is an Adjunct Professor of mining engineering at the Université Laval, a Fellow of CIM and of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, England, and a Distinguished Member of the Society of Mining Engineers, U.S.A.

Singhal has been very active in CIM serving on several National, Division and Branch committees, including terms as chairman of both Edmonton and Calgary branches, editor of the Coal Division Newsletter since 1988, member of the CIM Bulletin Committee, and session

chair of at least ten CIM annual conference and trade shows. In 1988, he received the CIM District 5 Proficiency Medal for his significant contributions to the Canadian mining industry through applied research and technology transfer. Singhal also served as the General Chairman of the 101st CIM Annual General Meeting held in Calgary in 1999.

In recognizing Singhal, Professor Nicolae Ilias, rector and head of the Senate of the University of Petrosani, stated this recognition is due to "Professor Singhal's remarkable contribution in development of science, technology, and international collaboration."

Hewitt Equipment announces appointments



Donald Hargray, general sales and marketing manager for Hewitt Equipment Limited, announces the appointment of **Martin Poirier** as sales manager, Mining Group. In addition to working closely with the sales representatives, Mr. Poirier will assume the market development.

An engineer, he has been a sales representative for more than three years at Hewitt. With his vast experience acquired in the mining sector, Mr. Poirier will provide the required dedication in order to guarantee his customers satisfaction.

Serge Dussault has been appointed manager of the Wabush Branch. In his new assignment, Mr. Dussault will assume the strategic coverage of customers in the Wabush and Labrador regions.

Serge Dussault had been in the employment of the Quebec Cartier Mining Company for several years where he held various positions related to purchasing, inventory control and administration.

Mr. Dussault has a B.Sc. from the University of Trois-Rivières in industrial engineering. With his good knowledge of the mining environment, Mr. Dussault will provide the required dedication in order to guarantee his customers satisfaction.

Dr. C. Massobrio

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Carla Massobrio (née Serra), wife of CIM Past President Giorgio Massobrio. On June 11, 2001, after a courageous battle with cancer, Dr. Massobrio passed away peacefully at home in Town of Mount Royal, Quebec. Born in Milan, Italy, on June 26, 1925, she graduated in medicine at the University of Genoa, and followed post graduate studies in Milan and Paris. She was one of the earliest professionals in Italy in the field of industrial psychology. In 1958, she married Mr. Massobrio, and after the birth of their first daughter, she left a successful career to raise her family. The family moved to Canada in 1977 and Carla became very involved as a volunteer guide at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. The Institute offers sincere condolences to Dr. Massobrio's family and friends.

