

One of our own receives the Order of Canada

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Medical Physicist Dr. Ervin B. Podgorsak was invested as a member of the Order of Canada on February 12, 2016 in Rideau Hall in Ottawa.

Established in 1967 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Order of Canada is the cornerstone of the Canadian Honours System, and recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation.

Dr. Podgorsak joined McGill in 1975 and remained here until his retirement in 2010 from positions of Director of Medical Physics Department at the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC), and Professor of Medical Physics and Director of McGill academic and residency programs in Medical Physics at McGill University. Currently, he holds a position of Professor Emeritus at McGill.

He made important contributions to cancer treatment and education over his 35-year career. Among these, he developed the medical physics unit into one of the pre-eminent academic programs for graduate work in Canada. He also mentored a generation of medical physicists while leading the development of pioneering techniques in radiation oncology. As a prominent member of the medical community, Dr. Podgorsak has been an outspoken advocate for high-quality and accessible health care for all Canadians and he is the author of 161 peer reviewed publications, five medical physics textbooks, 20 invited book chapters, 70 conference proceedings, and 175 invited presentations.



The Governor General of Canada The Right Honourable David Johnston and Dr. Ervin Podgorsak from the investiture ceremony that took place on February 12, 2016 in Rideau Hall in Ottawa.