

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Opportunities for further development of tertiary education in technical universities

WHEN: **Monday June 9th, 2014, 10.00 - 15.30**

WHERE: Czech Technical University (ČVUT) in Prague, Faculty of Architecture

Speakers:**George Dixon**

Vice President
Research and
Development
University
of Waterloo

Dr. D. George Dixon is Vice-President, University Research and Professor of Biology at the University of Waterloo. He has over 30 years experience in aquatic toxicology and environmental risk assessment and management, principally but not exclusively, with respect to the environmental impact associated with metals and mining activity. Dr. Dixon maintains an active research program, which at present is focused on development of methods for environmental effects monitoring, methods of assessing the environmental risks associated with exposure of aquatic organism to metal mixtures, and on the aquatic environmental effect of oil sands extraction in northern Alberta.

Peggy Jarvie

Executive Director, Co-operative
Education and Career Action,
University of Waterloo

As the Executive Director of the University of Waterloo's Co-operative Education and Career Action department, Peggy is accountable for the effective management of Canada's first and the world's largest co-operative education program, and for Waterloo's careers program. A staff of over 140 people on campus and off helps over six thousand students each term find co-op employment in hundreds of companies in Canada and around the world and can provide support to all students and interested alumni in their post-graduation career searches.

Peggy was formerly Assistant Vice-President of Customer Knowledge and Branding at Sun Life Financial. She held a variety of roles in the financial services industry, and has extensive experience in marketing, corporate finance, information systems, team building and change management.

Antonín Martínek

Dean Emeritus,
Conestoga Polytechnic

Ing. Antonín (Tony) Martínek, M.A.Sc., dr.h.c., P.Eng. graduated from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the Institute of Mechanical and Textile Engineering in Liberec (now Technical University of Liberec). His dissertation thesis was completed in 1970 at the University of Waterloo in Canada where he also lectured in mechanical engineering.

Since 1970 Tony had advanced through both teaching and academic administration appointments at Conestoga Polytechnic in Kitchener, Ontario, culminating in the position of the Dean, School of Engineering and Information Technology and Principal of Conestoga's largest Campus. For several years he also managed Conestoga's office of the National Research Council of Canada.

Besides his applied research in the field of intelligent manufacturing systems Tony has also actively pursued modern approaches to teaching / learning processes, including the project and problem based methodology in engineering disciplines.

Between 1991 and 2001 Tony had served as President of the Canadian Fund for Czech and Slovak Universities in Toronto, established at the wish of President Václav Havel. In October 2009, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Mr. Jan Kohout, bestowed upon Tony the Gratias Agit Award for promoting the good name of the Czech Republic abroad, and in 2013 Tony received a Doctor honoris causa degree from his Alma Mater, the Technical University of Liberec.