

2019 Honorary Life Membership

Ganpat Lodha, Ph.D, P.Geo., FGC

In his professional career of more than 50 years, 1961 to 2019, Ganpat Lodha, Ph.D, P.Geo., FGC has worked in India, Canada, parts of the U.S.A and has traveled extensively for collaborative projects in France, Sweden, Spain, and Vienna. During most of his career, he has worked as a senior or staff geoscientist and manager of projects related to hydrocarbon (oil and gas), minerals, and groundwater exploration including environmental studies (site characterization for safe storage of hazardous and nuclear waste).

During the last sixteen years Ganpat has extensively volunteered for Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba in its various committees which have included the Awards Committee, Nominating Committee, and Public Interest Review Committee. He has also served as the Council appointed Director on the Geoscientists Canada Board from September 2014 to June 2019.

Ganpat has been member of APEGM Foundation (AFI) Board since 2006. As a member of the AFI board he was instrumental in working out details of the U of M Endowment Fund to support the creation of ten annual ongoing bursaries to support Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) students. This small assistance supports international graduates complete their assessed academic deficiencies for registration as an engineering/geoscientists intern.

Ganpat was also instrumental in the initiation of the India Members Chapter of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba. Lately he has been assisting the Heritage Committee with the Centennial Book Project by contributing articles related to Flin Flon-Snow lake Zinc-Cooper belt and Inco's Thomson Nickel belt.

In the past, Ganpat has volunteered to organize and chair various technical sessions for the Mineral, Geotechnical & Logging Society (MGLS) of the USA, Canadian Exploration Geophysical Society (KEGS), Canadian Society of Exploration Geophysicist (CSEG), and the Nuclear Fuel Waste organization (SKB) in Sweden. He was invited to give keynote talks during some of the above technical society's annual conventions and was President of the MGLS (USA) during 1997-1999.

Ganpat's extensive community service has included serving on the Folklorama Board for six years during 2012 to 2018, volunteering on the Manitoba Mental Health Review Board (2015-2018), and continued involvement with the Discipline Committee of College of Registered Nurses of Manitoba since 2012. He has also been active with the East Indian Community organizations like the Hindu Society of Manitoba, India Association of Manitoba and Manitoba Hindu Seniors. In 2018, Ganpat was recognized for his community service by the Indo-Canadian Cultural Heritage Association (ICCHA) with the Distinguished Service Award.

In recognition of his meritorious service to the profession and the Association, Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba is pleased to bestow Honorary Life Membership to Ganpat Lodha.