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## News Release

### **Dr. Axel Meisen elected President of the Canadian Academy of Engineering for 2009/2010**

**Ottawa – (July 20, 2009)** – Dr. Axel Meisen, C.M., FCAE, P.Eng., was elected President of the Canadian Academy of Engineering (CAE) at CAE's Annual General Meeting held on July 13, 2009 in Calgary. He was elected as a Fellow of the Academy in 1993, served on the Board of Directors from 1996 to 2000 and re-joined the Board of Directors in 2008.



Dr. Axel Meisen was appointed as the first Chair of Foresight at the Alberta Research Council (ARC) in January 2008. With diverse international experience, Axel is a Chemical Engineer with a Bachelor of Science from the Imperial College of Science and Technology (London, United Kingdom), Master of Science from the California Institute of Technology (Pasadena, USA) and PhD from Mc Gill University (Montreal, Quebec). In addition to being a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering, he is a Fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada and the Institution of Engineers of Ireland. He is a member of the Peruvian Academy of Engineering. He was selected as one of the Top 50 Chief Executive Officers in Atlantic Canada for 2004, 2005 and 2006. In 2008, Axel was honoured with the Order of Canada as well as the University of Waterloo's Honorary Doctorate of Engineering. Axel served as president and vice-chancellor of Memorial University of Newfoundland from 1999 to 2007 before joining ARC.

The Canadian Academy of Engineering comprises many of the country's most accomplished engineers, who have expressed their dedication to the application of science and engineering principles in the interests of the country and its enterprises. The Academy was established in 1987, and is an active member of the *International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences (CAETS)*, which involves 24 other leading countries.

Members of the Academy are nominated and elected by their peers to honorary Fellowships, in view of their distinguished achievements and career-long service to the engineering profession. Members work closely with the other national engineering associations in Canada, and with the other Canadian academies that comprise the *Council of Canadian Academies*.

Fellows of the Academy are committed to ensuring that Canada's engineering expertise is applied to the benefit of all Canadians, and can be identified by the FCAE after their names.

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## THE CANADIAN ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

The Canadian Academy of Engineering is the national institution through which Canada's most distinguished and experienced engineers provide strategic advice on matters of critical importance to Canada.

The Academy is an independent, self-governing and non-profit organization established in 1987. Members of the Academy are nominated and elected by their peers to honorary Fellowships, in view of their distinguished achievements and career-long service to the engineering profession. There are at present some 332 active members, 112 emeritus members and 3 Honorary members. Fellows of the Academy are committed to ensuring that Canada's engineering expertise is applied to the benefit of all Canadians.

The Canadian Academy of Engineering works in close cooperation with other senior academies in Canada and internationally. It is a founding member of the *Council of Canadian Academies*, along with the *Royal Society of Canada* and the *Canadian Academy of Health Sciences*. The Academy works in close collaboration with the other members of the *Canadian Engineering Leadership Forum* which brings together representatives from *Engineers Canada*, the *Engineering Institute of Canada*, the *Association of Canadian Engineering Companies*, the *National Council of Deans of Engineering*, and the *Canadian Federation of Engineering Students*, all working together to ensure a safer, cleaner, healthier and more competitive Canada. The Academy is also a member of the *International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Sciences*, which includes some 25 similar national bodies around the world.

The Mission of the Canadian Academy of Engineering is to provide leadership in engineering advice and to enhance, through the application and adaptation of scientific and engineering principles, the promotion of engineering, the well-being of Canadians and the creation of wealth in Canada.

Specifically, the Academy:

- speaks out on issues of importance to Canada and abroad to highlight emerging issues in which engineering has a role and to comment on their importance and their implications, and more generally to provide an understanding of the need for engineering excellence in professional practice, research, development, innovation and education in Canada's economy.

- provides advice in the appropriate form to government, industry, academia and Canadians at large on specific issues where engineering considerations play a role,
- promotes recognition of engineering excellence by electing Fellows of the Academy from among Canada's most experienced and outstanding engineers, and thus highlighting the contributions of engineers to the well-being of Canadians and the economic development of Canada.
- participates appropriately, actively, and effectively with like-minded national and international organizations in developing a common voice on issues important to Canada and the world.

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