



Press Release

DR. HADI MAHABADI NAMED ONE OF THE TOP 25 CANADIAN IMMIGRANTS OF THE YEAR

Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE) Board of Director member, Dr. Hadi Mahabadi was named one of the 'Top 25 Canadian Immigrants of the Year' by *Canadian Immigrant* magazine.

The publication's second annual awards program celebrates the stories and achievements of outstanding Canadian immigrants. Dr. Mahabadi was named one of the 'Top 75 Immigrants' by the magazine in April, and was voted to the Top 25 the following month.

The national award allows Canadians to vote directly for the 'Top 75' individuals who have made a difference since their arrival in Canada. More than 10,000 votes from across the country were cast in the inaugural awards program in 2009.

Dr. Mahabadi, who is now Vice President & Director of the Xerox Research Centre of Canada (XRCC), was appointed to OCE's Board in September, 2008.

Currently holding more than 70 US patents, Dr. Mahabadi is credited with being instrumental in creating an innovative environment that has led to the successful commercialization of many breakthrough materials technologies at XRCC.

He called Canada "a land of opportunity" where his culture and educational background were embraced and encouraged at every level of his career.

Prior to joining Xerox, Dr. Mahabadi was Chair of Chemical Engineering at the Tehran University of Technology. He received his PhD in the field of polymer engineering from the University of Waterloo in 1976.

Mahabadi has also been involved in helping shape science and technology strategy and direction in Canada, and advancing science and technology agenda nationally and internationally. In addition to OCE, he has served on national and regional committees/taskforces and boards such as the Canadian National Institute of Standards, the Chemical Institute of Canada and Ontario College of Art and Design. He is also a fellow of several scientific societies including the Canadian Academy of Engineering.