

OCE's Dr. Ian Smith named to the Order of Canada

Dr. Ian C.P. Smith, a member of Ontario Centres of Excellence's Board of Directors and Chair of the Board of Management of the Centre for Photonics, has been recognized with Canada's highest civilian honour, the Order of Canada.

The Winnipeg native was named an Officer of the Order. Dr. Smith was recognized for his leadership in the advancement, development and commercialization of Canada's diagnostic technologies, notably magnetic resonance imaging and its applications in the field of health care. He was one of 60 people recently named to various ranks of honour by Governor General Michaëlle Jean.

The Order of Canada was first awarded in 1967, and was established as a fellowship that recognizes the achievement of outstanding merit or distinguished service by Canadians through life-long contributions in every field of endeavour, and who made a major difference to Canada.

In addition to his duties as Director General of the National Research Council Canada's (NRC) Institute for Biodiagnostics, Dr. Smith carries out research in applications of complex physical methods to problems of biological and medical significance. His specialty is early diagnosis of cancer using magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy. He began his career at NRC in 1967.

Dr. Smith continues to be a strong supporter of the commercialization of technology, and the role of science and technology in Canada's economic future. He holds an MSc from the University of Manitoba and a PhD from the University of Cambridge. He was awarded honorary doctorates by the University of Stockholm and the University of Winnipeg, and an honorary diploma from Red River Community College.

Congratulations to Dr. Smith for this richly deserved recognition of his accomplishments.