

## **2003 Outstanding Contribution Award – Mr. René Godin**

René Godin has spent the majority of his 40-year career on the design, construction and commissioning of nuclear and related facilities in Canada and abroad. In his retirement, he continues to support Canadian nuclear technology through presentations to professional organizations.

René graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in mechanical engineering, and began his career in the chemical industry. He joined SNC in 1966, and was appointed Resident Mechanical Engineer, and subsequently Chief Resident Engineer, at Gentilly-1 during its construction, and then Chief Resident Engineer at the Glace Bay Heavy Water Plant. In 1974 he joined Canatom and was appointed Site Resident Manager at AECL's La Prade Heavy Water Plant. In 1979, he moved to Korea as Construction Superintendent for Wolsong-1, and became Construction Manager in 1981. His next task, in the mid-1980s, was as Resident Director for the Cernavoda Project in Romania. In 1987, René joined the SNC Head Office as Corporate V.P. of Construction, Project Controls and Estimating. During the next ten years he moved through various senior-level executive appointments with SNC Lavalin, and was President and CEO of Canatom NPM Inc. when he retired in 2000. René is receiving this award for his important and varied contribution to the Canadian nuclear industry.