

Outstanding Contribution Award – Dr. George Bereznai



George Bereznai is currently Dean of the School of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the University Network of Excellence in Nuclear Engineering (UNENE). George graduated in Electrical Engineering from the University of Adelaide in South Australia in 1967. After receiving a MEng and a PhD in Electrical Engineering from McMaster University, George joined Ontario Hydro in 1972 at its nuclear training centre. He rose to Senior Training Officer, and in 1980 moved to the Simulator Services Department, becoming Manager in 1982, eventually overseeing 70 persons and the operation of five training simulators.

From 1987 to 1990, George took on a temporary posting with the New Business Ventures Division as Business Development Manager for Eastern Europe, where he opened Ontario Hydro's first overseas office. In 1995, Dr. Bereznai took on a five-year appointment with AECL, as the Chair of Nuclear Engineering at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. He developed and implemented a nuclear engineering curriculum comprising bachelor, master's, and doctorate programs, delivering courses on CANDU systems, operations, and control. He also taught similar courses in China, Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines. In 2001, Dr. Bereznai became the founding Professor and Dean of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science at the UOIT. Always a respected member of the Canadian nuclear community, George has made a considerable contribution educating nuclear scientists and engineers in Canada and abroad.

Purpose of the Award:

To recognize Canadian-based individuals, organizations or parts of organizations that have made significant contributions in the nuclear field, either technical or non-technical. There are two categories of the award, one for individuals and another for organizations or parts of organizations.