

## Education and Communication Award – Mr. Jaroslav Franta



Jaroslav Franta has for many years been a fervent communicator on the benefits of nuclear energy. As the bilingual webmaster of the Québec Branch of the Canadian Nuclear Society, he posts important educational information related to the nuclear scene, including much useful data on the history of nuclear science and technology in Québec.

Jaroslav regularly writes to newspapers to rectify incorrect or biased published information. He makes keen use of the McMaster internet discussion forum on nuclear matters, providing information and views on all science and nuclear-power matters.

As a regular speaker in schools Jaroslav has developed a hands-on educational kit for students, containing uranium ore, cloud chambers and other objects, which he uses in his speaking engagements and workshops.

Jaroslav has contributed to a CNS Québec Branch brief to the Provincial Government on the proposed refurbishment of Gentilly-2 and the expansion of its dry-storage area. He also contributed to another brief that proposed a study for a new nuclear generating station in the Province.

Jaroslav is a role model for communicating the value of science and nuclear technology to both the public and the educational community.

### **Purpose of the Award.**

This award recognizes the recipients for “significant efforts in improving the understanding of nuclear science and technology among educators, students and the public.”