

Education and Communication Award – Mr. J.A.L. (Archie) Robertson



Archie Robertson has been a persistent monitor of the media's treatment of nuclear issues. He has frequently challenged the CBC, the Ottawa Citizen and other newspapers on their anti-nuclear reports and editorials. He has made numerous contributions to the CNS Bulletin, and has made good use of the internet by providing significant, thoughtful contributions on nuclear issues for public access on his personal web site. He was a strong critic of the Seaborn Panel's recommendations for the disposal of used nuclear fuel. More recently, he has reviewed the information posted by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization on its web site, and has to date contributed 19 submissions.

He retired from AECL in 1985 after a long and distinguished career in metallurgy. He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1981. He was awarded the W.B. Lewis Medal in 1987, the W.J. Kroll Zirconium Medal in 1993, and the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2004. Archie is a stalwart member of the Canadian Nuclear Society Chalk River Branch. In all his contributions he demonstrates objectivity, understanding of the subject, and ideas that resonate with those of many CNS members.

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."