

K. DIETER EIGENBROD (d.2005)



Dr. Dieter Eigenbrod, Professor Emeritus of Lakehead University passed away on July 27, 2005 after a short battle with cancer. His untimely death very shortly after his retirement from the Department of Civil Engineering has saddened many people including his students, colleagues, and friends. Dieter is well known as a good friend to the Geotechnical community in Canada and abroad.

Dieter graduated from the Technical University of Darmstadt in 1966 and completed his PhD at the University of Alberta in 1972. Dieter was one of the first graduate students to work under the supervision of Dr N.R. Morgenstern. Over the next ten years, Dieter worked for a number of geotechnical consulting companies including R.M. Hardy and Associates in Edmonton, Beton & Monierbau and P. Holzmann, construction companies in Dusseldorf and in Frankfurt, and EBA Engineering Consultants in Edmonton, as well as spending a short period as Research Officer at Ruhr University. During his career in consulting, Dieter undertook general geotechnical engineering design and construction, with specialisation in tunnelling. In 1983, Dieter joined Lakehead University as an Associate Professor and devoted his entire academic career to the students at Lakehead University until his retirement in May 2005. His strong background in applied engineering enabled Dieter to educate a large number of civil engineers, skilled in both the academic and applied skills, in the art of geotechnical engineering. During this period, Dieter also devoted energy towards outreach and the internationalisation of the Lakehead University campus, developing active linkages with Lulea Technical University in Sweden, with the University of Oulu in Finland, with universities in Europe, as well as with the University of Manitoba and with the C-CORE geotechnical centrifuge facility and Memorial University in Newfoundland.

Dr. Eigenbrod, along with teaching and research, loved nature and music. Dieter is survived by his wife Renate and two children.