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Saskatchewan Geoscientists, Donald Kent, P. Geo., P.Eng., FGC, FEC receives 2021 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award

Vancouver — Geoscientists Canada is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2021 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award – Dr. Donald M. J. Kent, P.Geo., P.Eng., FGC, FEC, of Regina, SK

The Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award recognizes the achievements of an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the development and practice of professional geoscience and who has advanced public recognition of the profession in Canada in their capacity as a registered professional geoscientist. The award, which consists of a labradorite and marble sculpture made by a Canadian geoscientist artist, is given to a person in mid-to-late career.

To be eligible for the award, a nominee must meet specified criteria, which include: a solid career as a professional geoscientist, an outstanding record of voluntary service to the community, and service to Geoscientists Canada or to one of the provincial or territorial professional associations that regulate geoscience practise in Canada.

This year's recipient of Geoscientists Canada's highest honour, Dr. Donald Kent, is a distinguished award-winning geologist with long-standing research interests in the geology of carbonate hydrocarbon reservoir rocks. His contributions to understanding the petroleum geology of Canada, in particular the Williston Basin, provided much of the foundation upon which petroleum exploration in Saskatchewan was based.

Dr. Kent holds a Ph.D. (1968) in Geology from the University of Alberta and a M.Sc. in Geology (1959) and B.Sc. (1957) in Geological Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan. He has been a registered professional member in Saskatchewan since 1959 and was actively involved in the addition of geoscience to the regulation of professionals in Saskatchewan in 1997 as APES became the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS).

Dr. Kent is currently Professor Emeritus in the Department of Geology, University of Regina, after a long career at the university. He is recognized as the leading geological authority on Paleozoic carbonates in the Williston Basin, and Mississippian, Devonian, and Ordovician rocks. Dr. Kent has served as a petroleum research geologist with the Saskatchewan provincial government and now provides consulting services, including core analysis and training. He has contributed numerous core workshops at the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists conference in Calgary and the Williston Basin Petroleum conference. Dr. Kent has published over 60 papers on various aspects of the subsurface geology of Saskatchewan. In 2009 he was listed as one of the 100 influential graduates from the University of Saskatchewan.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Kent has served in many volunteer positions including as chair of Geoscientists Canada's prestigious Canadian Geosciences Standards Board (now Council); on numerous Boards and committees with APEGS; and, as president of the Saskatchewan Geological Society (SGS). Dr. Kent received the APEGS Distinguished Service Award (2000), was inducted into the SGS Geoscience Honour Roll (2004) and received the Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists RJW Douglas Medal in 2015.

Announcing the 2021 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award recipient, the President of Geoscientists Canada, Kevin Ansdell, P.Geo., FGC, commented: "*Don richly deserves the award based on superb service to the geoscience profession and academic community, particularly in*



Saskatchewan. Mentorship of students and young professionals is especially noteworthy. A well-deserved award in recognition of a fabulous career."

The citation for the 2021 award indicates: *"Presented to Donald M. J. Kent, P.Geo., in recognition of his long and distinguished career, and outstanding contributions to professional geoscience in Canada".*

Nominations for this award are considered annually, although the award is not necessarily presented each year. Further details on the award criteria and nominations process are available on the Geoscientists Canada website at www.geoscientistscanada.ca

Geoscientists Canada's Mission is to support its members, the constituent associations, in their efforts to improve the effectiveness of regulation in Canada and achieve excellence in the geoscience profession.

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