



Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists Presents 2012 Gold Medal Award

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(Halifax, NS) – The Canadian Organization of Medical Physicists (COMP) honoured this year’s winner of the Gold Medal Award in a special ceremony at its annual scientific meeting held in Halifax, NS.

The Gold Medal is the highest award given by COMP and recognizes an active or retired member who has worked mainly in Canada, has had an outstanding career and has made a significant contribution to the field of medical physics in Canada. A significant contribution is defined as one or more of the following:

- A body of work which has added to the knowledge base of medical physics in such a way as to fundamentally alter the practice of medical physics.
- Leadership positions in medical physics organizations which have led to improvements in the status and public image of medical physicists in Canada
- Significant influence on the professional development of the careers of medical physicists in Canada through educational activities or mentorship

This year, the Gold Medal was bestowed upon David W.O. Rogers. David completed his undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Toronto and has had two outstanding careers in the field of medical physics. For three decades he was at the National Research Council (NRC) where he led the Ionizing Radiation Group, which became one of the most respected radiation standard groups in the world. David is currently a Professor and Canada Research Chair in medical physics at Carleton University in Ottawa where he and his research team continue to improve, document and teach new ways to solve problems in radiation science.

David is an accomplished teacher and mentor of students, attracting post-doctoral fellows from around the world, many of whom have gone on to very successful careers in the field. David is able to quickly get to the heart of a problem, sort out the relevant facts and determine how it should be solved. David has authored over 150 peer-reviewed publications and his collective works are cited extensively.

David has been actively involved in COMP since its beginnings and has played a major role in shaping the direction of the organization. David has also been involved with the American Association of Physicists in Medicine and in 2010 was the recipient of the Coolidge Award, the highest award given by the organization.

David is the father of four children and lives in Ottawa with his wife Joanna Cygler who is also an accomplished medical physicist. David’s friends, colleagues and students were in attendance at the Gold Medal Ceremony when David was honoured for an outstanding career with far-reaching accomplishments.

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