

## Hellenic-Canadian & AHEPAN receives National Engineering Award

### The Canadian Society for Civil Engineering presents the Camille A. Dagenais Award at Yellowknife meeting, June 6-9, 2007



Christos Katopodis, M.Sc., P.Eng.

*This award was established in 1981 in honour of Mr. Camille A. Dagenais, Past Chairman of the Board of SNC Group Inc., President of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering in 1972–1973 and one of the most renowned hydrotechnical engineers in the country. The objective of the award is to give recognition to those civil engineers who have made outstanding contributions to the development and practice of hydrotechnical engineering in Canada.*

Chris Katopodis works at the Freshwater Institute in Winnipeg since 1975. He has Regional Habitat Engineering responsibilities for the Central and Arctic Region, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, N.W.T. and Nunavut). His engineering experience and research centres on interdisciplinary work that bridges hydraulics and ecology. His engineering career began with Manitoba Water Resources Branch in 1974. Chris is spearheading interdisciplinary efforts in hydraulics, hydrology, river mechanics, ecology, biology, ecosystems, fish physiology, migrations and habitat. He collaborates with academics and practitioners in developing relevant models (e.g. [www.river2d.ca](http://www.river2d.ca)) and guidelines. He contributes to river restoration or enhancement, minimizing or mitigating environmental impacts, estimating ecological or instream flow regimes and facilitating fish passage. He has worked on hydrotechnical infrastructure relating to diamond mines, oilsand developments, hydroelectricity, irrigation, water supply or diversion, flood control, highways, pipelines, etc. He is active in consultations with Canadian industry to address ecological, fish and fish habitat issues. In April 2007 Chris received a team Government Distinction Award for work on oilsands projects.

Christos Katopodis received a M.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the University of Alberta in 1982; a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering from the University of Manitoba in 1974; and a High School Diploma from the Lyceum of Lefkada, Greece in 1969. He is adjunct professor at the University of Alberta, in Civil and Environmental Engineering since 1995, involved in collaborative research there since 1982. He was Adjunct Professor at the University of Manitoba (1995-1999) in Civil Engineering and the University of Waterloo (1995-2000) in Biology. He has served as Thesis Advisor or Co-Advisor for several graduate students in engineering, ecology and biology. He has contributed to over 50 primary publications, numerous conference papers, and technical reports, and conducted several seminars, workshops and training courses. He presented guest lectures in Canada, U.S.A., Japan, Finland, Norway, Puerto Rico, Australia, Indonesia, Iceland, South Africa, Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain, Austria and New Zealand.

Chris Katopodis served on many Scientific Committees and Chaired Sessions at many national and international conferences. He Co-Chaired the 17th Canadian Hydrotechnical Conference and Symposium Honouring Dr. N. Rajaratnam in 2005. He was instrumental in the publication of the 2007 Special Hydrotechnical Issue of the Canadian Journal of Civil Engineering. He is an Editor of the International Journal of River Basin Management (JRBM) and Guest Editor for the 2006 Special Issue on Ecohydraulics. He reviews papers for several Engineering and Scientific Journals and research proposals for various agencies (Canada/USA/Europe). He is on the Ecohydraulics Section Executive of IAHR and served on the Hydrotechnical Division Executive of CSCE (1992-2000). He is active in the Bioengineering Section of the American Fisheries Society. He is a member of Association of the Professional Engineers and Geophysicists of Manitoba.

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