

Professor Peter G. Glockner

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Peter Glockner is a founder of the Faculty of Engineering. Participating in building this faculty and institution and in making them known around the globe was a prime component of his nearly four-decade-long Calgary career.

He began building after his requested transfer from Edmonton to the new Calgary campus in 1960 and quickly became involved in planning, initiating research, and building relations with industry and the profession.

He obtained engineering's first equipment donation in 1961, served as acting head of civil engineering and, by invitation, became professor and head of mechanical engineering, 1976-87. During his headship, the department became a globally recognized school of mechanical engineering. From 1976 till his retirement, he was professor in both departments. He wrote A Place of Ingenuity, a book on the Faculty of Engineering's history. His foundational work in two departments and the faculty were recognized by appointing him Professor Emeritus of the Faculty of Engineering, a first-ever distinction.

Glockner's university-wide contributions are equally significant and include chairing the University Budget Committee. He organized four conferences, including the third Canadian Congress of Applied Mechanics, CANCAM 71, and the first Canadian conference of the International Association for Shell Structures, all successful events with international speakers and participants, enhancing Calgary's global image.

Glockner also built an impressive research career. His studies in solid mechanics, including the behaviour of inflatables and the structural use of ice, resulted in over 300 publications and invited lectures and presentations at conferences and institutes on all continents. He received many awards, notably the CANCAM Medal; the Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC) Gzowski Gold Medal; and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Moisseiff Medal and Prize.

Glockner held positions on committees and boards of directors of national and international learned societies and professional organizations. His research contributions and stature in the mechanics community were underlined by being elected president of AAM and by a special international conference, "A World of Shells," organized in his honour at the Banff Centre.

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