



***Nimal Rajapakse - nominated by the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering***

Nimal Rajapakse is a distinguished academic, having held the positions of Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Manitoba and Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of British Columbia. In addition, he has served as Head of these Departments, and currently serves as the Director of the Institute for Computing, Information and Cognitive Systems at UBC, an internationally recognized interdisciplinary research institute with over 160 affiliated faculty members.

*Nimal is a worldwide leader in the field of computational mechanics and solid mechanics. His research spans the theoretical aspects of mechanics and its application to real-world problems. Nimal has contributed significantly to a wide range of topics including smart materials, transmission and communication towers, geomechanics and composite materials.*

Nimal Rajapakse's service to the engineering profession and academic world has been outstanding. He has served as Chair of the Engineering Mechanics Division of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering and Associate Editor for Engineering Mechanics of the Canadian Journal of Civil Engineering. He has led many conferences and remains a frequent reviewer of dozens of international journals and agencies. Nimal has been the recipient of many awards throughout a distinguished career, including the APEGBC's Meritorious Achievement Award, the Horst Leipholtz Medal for outstanding contributions to engineering mechanics research from the CSCE, the Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship and Fellowships from the Canadian Academy of Engineering and the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering. The EIC is proud to include Nimal Rajapakse among its distinguished Fellows.

Ladies & gentlemen and Mr. President, please welcome Nimal Rajapakse as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.