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Northwest Territories and Nunavut Geoscientist, Hendrik Falck, P. Geo., FGC, receives 2020 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award

Vancouver — Geoscientists Canada is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2020 Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award – Hendrik Falck, P.Ge., FGC, of Yellowknife, NT.

The Canadian Professional Geoscientist Award is given to recognize 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 a number of 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, Hendrik Falck, is an award-winning geologist with over thirty years of experience mapping Archean volcanic belts and granitic terranes for mining exploration and government research programs.

Mr. Falck holds a M.Sc. in Geology from Carleton University (1991) and a B.Sc. (Honours) Terrain and Environmental Earth Sciences (Major), Quaternary Studies (Major) from the University of Toronto (1986). He is a registered professional geoscientist with the Northwest Territories and Nunavut Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists (NAPEG).

Throughout his career, Mr. Falck's service as a professional geoscientist has constantly and consistently benefitted both the geoscience profession and the Canadian people, particularly the people of the North. Beginning his career as a government geologist, he then participated in the Northwest Territories diamond staking rush as a concentrate geologist, followed by time spent as an exploration geologist at Yellowknife's Giant gold mine. Mr. Falck then continued to provide for the future of the North as a mineral deposit geologist for the Government of the Northwest Territories and for the Geological Survey of Canada.

Mr. Falck has also ceaselessly advocated for the profession of geoscience. Serving first as a Councilor for NAPEG, as well as on various committees, eventually serving a term as President of the organization (2010-2012). Concurrent to this, he has served as a representative on the Canadian Geoscience Standards Board and then as a Director for Geoscientists Canada, eventually serving a term as President (2016-2017). He has also served as a President and Council Member for the Mineral Deposits Division of the Geological Association of Canada and as an editor for the CIM journal. As well as his volunteerism in advancement of the profession, he has generously given of his time mentoring young geoscientist professionals entering their careers.



He is the recipient of numerous awards for his exemplary work, including the Regional Circle of Excellence Award (DIAND), JC Sproule Memorial Plaque, the CIM Julian Boldy Award, and NAPEG's Award of Merit and Professional Service Award. Mr. Falck was also among the first recipients of Fellow of Geoscientists Canada (FGC) in 2013.

Announcing the award the President of Geoscientists Canada, Michael Parkhill, P.Geo., FGC, commented: "Having been on the Board at Geoscientists Canada with Hendrick, I was able to see first-hand his dedication to the profession. His list of accomplishments during his career is exemplary. Congratulations Hendrick, well deserved."

The citation for the 2020 award will read as follows: *"Presented to Hendrik Falck, P. Geo., in recognition of his impressive body of work, both technical and regulatory, for 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

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