



CHARLES STELCK, OC, P.GEOL., FGC, FEC (Hon.) ...
... a geology great
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A founder of geology research in Alberta, Dr. Stelck was honoured by friends, students, graduates, and colleagues at a celebration of his 98th birthday.

Dr. Stelck was born in Edmonton and first encountered Earth sciences as a teenager working on summer geological field parties. He enrolled in chemistry at the University of Alberta, but switched to geology on the advice of his friend, **Robert Folinsbee, P.Geoph., FGC, FEC (Hon.)**, (1944-2013). After completing a bachelor's and a masters' degree in geology, he moved to California and obtained a PhD from Stanford.

Dr. Stelck's first oilpatch job involved monitoring an old well in Pouce Coupe, a small town in northeastern B.C. He then worked for the U.S. military and Imperial Oil on the Canol Project, exploring for oil in the Arctic and piping it to the Whitehorse refinery to provide fuel for Second World War efforts.

Following the war, Dr. Stelck came back to the U of A as a professor and made his first reef hypothesis. He continued with fossil research, teaching, and mentoring for the next 35

years, guiding students in their own discoveries of Alberta's oil reserves. Leduc No. 1 and the Pembina oilfields were both discovered by students of Dr. Stelck.

When the Geological Survey of Canada stopped identifying fossils outside of their own collections, Dr. Stelck and a colleague continued the work, identifying more than 50,000 fossils every year for 10 years.

Dr. Stelck's work is continued through the C.R. Stelck Chair in Petroleum Geology, currently held by **George Pemberton, P.Geol.**

In addition to being an officer of the Order of Canada, Dr. Stelck has received the Queen's Golden Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee medals, and the R.J.W. Douglas Medal, among other honours.

To top it off, he remains active in his field — and recently published a paper.

WHO'S MOVING WHERE

Chris Martin, P.Eng., of Calgary, has been appointed President and CEO of **Engenium Chemicals Corp.** Mr. Martin has been with the company for 15 years, most recently as Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Martin replaces the founder of Engenium, **Greg Martin, P.Eng.**, who stepped down after more than 31 years with the company.

Harold Kim, P.Eng., of Calgary, was appointed Environmental Business Lead at **McElhanney Consulting Services Inc.** for the company's Prairies region. Before joining McElhanney, he led several engineering consulting firms across Canada and North America.

The Government of Alberta has announced **Ernie Hui, P.Eng.**, of Edmonton, has been appointed to a new special advisory role on water quality. Mr. Hui is currently the Deputy Minister at Alberta Seniors and was previously the Deputy Minister of Environment and Water.