

GUEST SPEAKERS

Monday 23 July 2007

PLENARY SESSION

Imperial Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel

Opening Address

Dr. Ross Paul, President and Vice-Chancellor, The University of Windsor, Canada



Dr. Ross H. Paul came to the University of Windsor as its fifth President early in 1998 immediately after serving almost seven years as President of Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario.

A bilingual native of Montreal, Dr. Paul is a graduate of Bishop's University (B.A., Mathematics and Economics, 1964), McGill University (M.A., Educational Administration, 1968) and the University of London, England (Post-Graduate Certificate in Education, 1965; Ph.D., 1973). He has teaching and administrative experience at all levels of education at Montreal's Lower Canada College, Bishop's University, and Dawson College in Montreal where he held the positions of Dean of Arts and Academic Dean. Beginning in 1980, Dr. Paul spent 11 years at Alberta's Athabasca University, ten years as Vice-President Academic and one year as Acting President before assuming the Presidency of Laurentian in 1991.

Dr. Paul's research interests are the sociology of organizations and the management of higher education. He is best known for his 1990 book, *Open Learning and Open Management: Leadership and Integrity in Distance Education* and is a frequent contributor of book chapters and journal articles on the management of technology and higher learning.

LUNCH SPEAKER

Imperial Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel

"Overview of the North American Automotive Sector"

**Mr. Dennis DesRosiers,
President, DesRosiers Automotive Consultants Inc.**

Since starting his consulting company in 1985, Dennis has become literally the "go-to-guy" for interpretive insights into the Canadian and US automotive industry and is considered by the automotive industry as one of North America's leading analysts. His thinking is sought not only by automotive executives throughout the sector but also by government policy makers and the media. Through his ability to identify, analyze and interpret the paradigms within the automotive sector, he has become a leader in identifying emerging trends.

Mr. DesRosiers holds an Honours B.A. in Economics, University of Windsor, President's Roll of Scholars, 1969-1973, is a graduate of The Japanese Business Study Program, October 1984 and a Certified Association Executive, Institute of Association Executives, 1983. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the University of Windsor, Canada.



BANQUET SPEAKER

Upper Canada Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel

"Tomorrow is Not What it Used to Be"

**Dr. Graham T. Reader, Ph.D., P.Eng., Eur.Ing.
Dean, Faculty of Engineering, University of Windsor**



Dr. Graham Reader is Dean, Faculty of Engineering, University of Windsor, where he is also a member of the University Senate and member of the Board of Governors. Dr. Reader is Professor in the Department of Mechanical Automotive & Materials Engineering, and his fields of interest include: Energy Conversion; Stirling cycle machines; Underwater vehicles.

Dr. Graham Reader is a former naval commander with over 35 years of industrial and academic experience. Dr. Reader held various administrative and teaching positions in the United Kingdom including: the Royal Naval Engineering College's director of research and its head of Power and Electrical Engineering; head of the Stirling Engine Research Facility at the Royal Naval Marine Engineering College; and Bradford University's head of engineering science and mathematics. He has spent, before coming to the University of Windsor, 10 years as head of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering at the University of Calgary.

Dr. Reader is a Professional Engineer in the Province of Ontario, and also holds the title of Euro Engineer (Eur.Ing.). Dr. Reader is a member and past Chair of the Council of Ontario Deans of Engineering (CODE).

He is a Fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineers and a member of several societies. He has over 300 technical and creative publications, including five books (one in Russian) to his credit and has received several honours and awards. He includes music, poetry and song writing among his many interests.