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Journalist and Engineers Showcase Engineering Achievement

June 8, 2013, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories – Canada’s engineering profession will once again celebrate excellence in engineering during its annual Engineers Canada Awards Gala, held at the Weledeh Catholic School in Yellowknife. The event marks the inaugural year for an award for excellence in engineering journalism.

Tyler Irving will take home the medal for his article, “Nature’s Industrialists” published in *Canadian Chemical News*, on the use of advanced research in biotechnology to create “forest biorefineries.” Irving’s article uses accessible language to describe a critical yet complex technology for Canada’s future chemical manufacturing from renewable resources.

“We are so pleased to recognize the important role the media plays in making engineering accessible to Canadians,” said Catherine Karakatsanis, FEC, FCAE, P.Eng., president of Engineers Canada.

Also honoured this evening will be Elizabeth Cannon, FEC, P.Eng., who will receive the prestigious Gold Medal Award. Currently president of University of Calgary, Cannon is a former dean of the Schulich School of Engineering. Her research and teaching in the area of satellite navigation for land, air and marine applications have garnered Cannon an impressive international reputation as a leading engineer in the area of satellite navigation.

“In addition to her research, Elizabeth Cannon is a passionate advocate for the importance of higher education in fostering the talents of young engineers,” said Karakatsanis. “She and all the 2013 award recipients are leaders in their respective fields and in the profession. The recipients exemplify how positive contributions across the profession have an impact on communities, the environment and future generations.”

We are pleased that Ziya Tong, co-host of Discovery Channel’s Daily Planet, will once again be our special host of the awards gala.

The 2013 Engineers Canada Award recipients are:

- **Gold Medal Award** – Elizabeth Cannon, FEC, P.Eng.
- **Young Engineer Achievement Award** – Goldie Nejat, Ph.D., P.Eng.
- **Meritorious Service Award for Community Service** – Mohinder S. Grover, FEC, Ph.D., P.Eng.
- **Meritorious Service Award for Professional Service** – M.G. (Ron) Britton, FEC, FCAE, P.Eng.
- **Award for the Support of Women in the Engineering Profession** – Josephine Hill, P.Eng.
- **Award of Journalism Excellence in Engineering** – Tyler Irving
- **Medal for Distinction in Engineering Education** – Arindom Sen, P.Eng.
- **National Award for an Engineering Project or Achievement** – BC Place Revitalization

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