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## **PROFESSOR RALPH HAAS WINS TRB'S ROY W. CRUM DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

Ralph Haas, Norman W. Mcleod Engineering Professor and Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Waterloo, Canada, is the 2013 recipient of the Crum Award for his distinguished achievement in transportation research. Haas is honored for his important, wide-ranging research contributions in the areas of pavement engineering and management and in civil infrastructure. He will receive the award on January 15, 2014, during the Chairman's Luncheon at the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 93rd Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

This award is named for former TRB Executive Director Roy Crum, who served from 1928 until his death in 1951. The award recognizes outstanding leadership in transportation research or research administration.

A pioneer in the application of systems concepts for managing networks of paved roads, Haas has won national and international recognition for his work, which has been used by municipal, provincial, state, and federal government transportation agencies.

Highly engaged in TRB and National Research Council (NRC) activities for almost 45 years, he has served on many TRB standing committees, as well as several NRC committees including the TRB Long-Term Pavement Performance Committee, of which he currently serves. The 93<sup>rd</sup> TRB Annual Meeting marks the 50<sup>th</sup> consecutive Annual Meeting that Haas has attended.

Haas has published more than 400 papers and authored or co-authored 12 books used widely in the pavement field. He has received numerous honors and awards, including Canada's highest civilian honor, the Order of Canada; its highest academic honor, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada; and the highest engineering honor, Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering. In 2007 he was named a National Associate of the National Research Council of the National Academies.

Nearly 12,000 policy makers, administrators, practitioners, researchers, and representatives of government, industry, and academic institutions are expected to attend the Transportation Research Board (TRB) 93rd Annual Meeting, in Washington, D.C., January 12-16, 2014. The meeting, held at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, Omni Shoreham, and Hilton Washington hotels, includes more than 4,500 presentations in 800 sessions and workshops covering all aspects of transportation.

The mission of the Transportation Research Board is to provide leadership in transportation innovation and progress through research and information exchange, conducted within a setting that is objective, interdisciplinary, and multimodal. TRB facilitates the sharing of information on transportation practice and policy by researchers and practitioners; stimulates research and offers research management services that promote technical excellence; provides expert advice on transportation policy and programs; and disseminates research results broadly and encourages their implementation. A major focal point of TRB's activities, the Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for transportation professionals from all over the world to exchange information of common interest.

Organized in 1920, TRB is a division of the National Academies, which include the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council. The nation turns to the National Academies for independent, objective advice on issues that affect people's lives worldwide.

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