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Provincial Research Organization Recognizes Chairmen



June 21, 2012 - RPC is recognizing its 50th anniversary in 2012. RPC's relevance to business has been facilitated by a board of directors that represents industry in the province. There have been four RPC chairpersons since inception.

◀ RPC's First board meeting, September 1962. Pictured left to right: K.V. Cox (Vice-President and General Manager NBTel), A. Savoie (Barrister), H. Fredericks (Management Consultant), Harrison McCain (President, McCain Foods), L.W. Flett (Businessman), Dr. L.W. Shemilt, RPC Board Chairman, D.W. Gallagher, RPC Executive Director (temporary), Dr. D.W.B. Robinson (Assistant Director of Research, Bathurst Pulp and Paper)

The late Dr. L.W. Shemilt, a chemical engineer and professor, was the first chairman serving from 1962 through to 1970.

Professor R.N. Scott, of UNB's department of electrical engineering is ▶ shown (seated) being advised by Dr. L.W. Shemilt, RPC Chairman, that he was awarded a \$2,000 research grant.



In 1970, the late Dr. K.V. Cox, an electrical engineer and past President of NBTel, was appointed chairman and served through until 1986.

◀ Dr. Kenneth V. Cox, Chairman of RPC, presents Dr. Claude Bursill a painting on the occasion of Dr. Bursill's retirement as RPC's Executive Director in 1983.

Dr. Knut Grotterod, a mechanical engineer and Past President and CEO of Fraser Paper, served as Chairman from 1986 until 2008. RPC's current Chairman, Ken Reeder, a civil engineer and Past President of Neill and Gunter, became Chairman in 2008.

Ken Reeder and Dr. Knut Grotterod pictured here on February 19, 2009, ▶ on the occasion of Dr. Grotterod's retirement.



RPC has been fortunate to have many business leaders serve on the board of directors. Their efforts have helped to guide the organization over the past 50 years. We thank everyone who contributed to RPC's success.

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About RPC

RPC is New Brunswick's provincial research organization (PRO), an independent contract research and development and technical services organization located in Fredericton, NB. RPC's complement of 98 scientists, engineers and technologists are supported by a 13,000 sq. meter facility housing world-class analytical chemistry and material-testing laboratories, comprehensive life science capabilities, an internationally recognized fish health lab, extensive prototype design, manufacturing and testing services, and a wide variety of pilot facilities for the development and improvement of industrial and environmental processes and products.

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