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The CMS 2000 Distinguished Service Award ***Le 2000 Prix de la SMC pour service méritoire***

Citation

Arthur Sherk has been a member of the Canadian Mathematical Society since 1955. Over the past forty five years, he has served the Society in a number of capacities. As Managing Editor for each of the Society's research journals at a formative period in their development. He was Managing Editor of the Canadian Mathematical Bulletin from 1963 to 1967 and of the Canadian Journal of Mathematics from 1978 to 1983. He has been the Society's Treasurer since 1993 and is now in his third term.

During his academic career, Dr. Sherk served for five years as the Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies (University of Toronto) and for three years on the Governing Council. In 1975, he was cross-appointed with University College and served the college in a variety of roles, notably as Vice-Principal (1985-90) and as Acting Principal (1992-1993).

Arthur Sherk est membre de la Société mathématique du Canada depuis 1955 et y a occupé plusieurs postes au cours des quarante dernières années. Il a notamment été rédacteur-gérant de chacune des revues scientifiques de la Société, à une étape charnière de leur développement : d'abord du Bulletin canadien de mathématiques de 1963 à 1967, puis du Journal canadien de mathématiques de 1978 à 1983. Il est trésorier de la SMC depuis 1993 et en est à son troisième mandat à ce poste.

Sa carrière d'universitaire a mené le professeur Sherk à occuper le poste de doyen associé responsable des études supérieures (Université de Toronto) pendant cinq ans et à siéger trois années durant au bureau des gouverneurs. En 1975, dans le cadre d'une affectation interétablissements, il a commencé à travailler au University College, où il a joué divers rôles, notamment à titre de vice-recteur (1985-1990) et de recteur par intérim (1992-1993).

Biographical Information

Arthur Sherk received his undergraduate education at McMaster University. After also receiving his MSc from McMaster in 1955 he moved to the University of Toronto where he received his PhD in 1957, having written a thesis under the supervision of Donald Coxeter. He remained at Toronto for the next 37 years, taking early retirement in 1994. His research interests lie in the area of finite and discrete geometry, a field in which he has published 20 papers as well as two semi-programed texts. He has also been co-editor of two collections of papers and of "*Kaleidoscopes, Selected Writings of H.S.M. Coxeter*".

In 1995, the Society established the CMS Distinguished Service Award to recognize individuals who have made sustained and significant contributions to the Canadian mathematical community and, in particular, to the Canadian Mathematical Society.

En 1995, la Société mathématique du Canada a créé le Prix de la SMC pour service méritoire pour récompenser les personnes qui contribuent de façon importante et soutenue à la communauté mathématique canadienne et, notamment, à la SMC.

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