**CFES Mentorship Medal citation: Hendrik Falck**

Arriving in Yellowknife in 1987 as an MSc Student, Hendrik stayed to start work as a government geologist. A teaching position with Arctic College and Kalemi Dene School introduced him to teaching and also many of the challenges faced by students, especially adult students in the North. Joining a prominent consulting firm (CBA), he engaged in all aspects of exploration, from claim staking and greenfield drill programs to mine development. Hendrik participated in the “Great Diamond Staking Rush” as a concentrate geologist and plant manager for Kennecott helping to evaluate the rocks that would become the Diavik Mine. This was followed by time as an exploration geologist at Yellowknife's iconic Giant gold mine. Following the closure of Giant, Hendrik continued to provide for the future of the North as a mineral deposit geologist for the GNWT, AANDC and the GSC. With his broad experience and a generous mandate to conduct research that encourages exploration for the future economic engines of the territory, Hendrik has supported the research and experience of nearly 100 students and young professionals. Using his contacts with industry, academia and government, he has developed a wide array of research projects from identifying the research problem, advocating for the research funds, developing the logistics to support the project and participating in the fieldwork. The results of the varied projects are listed in the numerous presentations, theses and publications that have been produced as a consequence, advancing the science of geology and exploration in the North. Arguably even more commendable than this volunteerism in advancement of the profession has been the time spent mentoring geoscientists. Despite a heavy self-imposed workload, he has always made time to assist and guide those young professionals just entering their careers. For his mentorship of students and the wide range of impactful research projects that Hendrik has undertaken, he received the AANDC Deputy Minister's Award, the organization's highest honour. While Hendrik has also ceaselessly advocated for the profession of geoscience. Serving first as a Councillor for NAPEG, and eventually served a term as President of Geoscientists Canada. As part of this commitment he has drafted policy, solicited donations, and developing new scholarships and awards. He initiated a Graduate Award that annually provides $7,500.00 to Northern residents to further their studies in engineering or geoscience. Hendrik also worked with his former students to develop the Finnigan Northern Award for Student Research Presentations that covers expenses for student researchers to attend and present their findings at the northern events. The award has been highly successful at attracting significant donations to build a Fund, in memory of Craig Finnigan (one of Hendrik’s former students), ensuring the award for the future. Hendrik is most deserving of this prestigious award. His contributions to the profession are significant and ongoing. His commitment to his profession, his integrity, willingness to assist wherever needed, and strength of character exemplify what being a professional is all about and CIMM is honoured to provide this submission on his behalf.