CHES honours Gordon Burrill for outstanding contribution

The Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society (CHES) is very pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2010 Hans Burgers Award for outstanding contributions to healthcare engineering is Gordon Burrill, PEng, FASHE, CHC. Gordon received his award at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Society held in Whistler BC. He is currently President of Teegor Consulting Inc. based in Fredericton New Brunswick.

Gordon is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick with a bachelor’s degree in engineering, and he worked as a design engineer for 13 years, before taking on the role in 1998, of Regional Director of Engineering Services for the former River Valley Health in Fredericton NB. He directed that division for seven years before founding his own consulting firm, Teegor Consulting Inc. in 2004, a firm which specializes in healthcare engineering codes and standards.

Gordon served as the Vice President, President, and Past President on the CHES Board of Directors, with his presidency occurring from 2003-2005, and he is currently Chair of the CHES Healthcare Standards Subcommittee. He was instrumental in founding the Canadian Healthcare Construction Course administered by CHES, and is a lead faculty member of the program. He volunteers countless hours representing CHES at the Canadian Standards Association and is currently vice-chair of the CSA Technical Committee on Health Facility Engineering and Physical Plant, as well as Chair of the Subcommittee on Infection Control during Construction Renovation and Maintenance of Health Care Facilities. Gordon also submits regular articles on healthcare standards to “Canadian Healthcare Facilities, the official journal of CHES. Gordon has been the Chair of the Program Committee for at least 3 past conferences and will serve in this position for the conference in Winnipeg (2011). He received the 2009 President’s Award from the American Society of Healthcare Engineering (ASHE) for his significant contribution to healthcare engineering and the physical healthcare environment, and he holds their designations of Senior and Fellow of ASHE. CHES President, Michael Hickey, in presenting the award to Gordon said “Over 26 years Gordon has gone above and beyond to make sure our profession, as well as our Society, provides a career that young engineers have been proud to choose as their path in life. He has worked with us to ensure our sites are safe and appropriate for the care we need to provide. He is the true essence of Healthcare Engineering.”

The Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society is a national professional association representing close to 1,000 healthcare engineers and associates across Canada. It promotes the principle of integrated design by improved collaboration using a team approach between the professions, and provides leadership in creating more efficient management of the operation, maintenance, fire, and safety of hospitals, their engineering systems, equipment, and buildings.