

The CURAC 2021 VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY honours our John Lennox for his contribution to YURA and to CURAC

Each year, the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC) holds a conference that is hosted by a member association. The McGill University Retiree Association (MURA) is hosting the event this year, which will be offered as a Zoom webinar. As part of this two-hour event, a virtual presentation to John Lennox will take place to honour John for his outstanding service both to YURA as our Academic Co-President from 2011 to 2017, and to CURAC.

After a distinguished career as professor and senior administrator at York University, John Lennox retired in 2010 and immediately became involved in the work of YURA. John was Co-President from 2011 to 2017 and has served as Past President (ex officio) from 2017 to present. His contributions include weekly staffing of the YURA office, significant involvement in fund-raising for YURA's scholarships, recruiting and retention of retiree members, and enthusiastic participation in the association's theatre trips, walk-a-thons, and other activities. John has improved YURA's relationship with the university administration and has ensured that YURA serves both faculty and staff retirees.

John has worked diligently to build a strong bridge between YURA and York's other retiree organization, the Association of Retired Faculty and Librarians (ARFL) and to contribute to the work of the Colleges and Universities Retirement Associations of Canada (CURAC/ARUCC). Over the years, he has been a delegate to several annual conferences where colleagues across the country have been able to observe the wisdom and goodwill that mark his interventions in important policy discussions. John has been particularly successful in recruiting colleagues for the CURAC/ARUCC Board and Committees, as well as for the YURA Executive and has on several occasions contributed to the Newsletter/Infolettre.

That YURA is a welcoming space, with more than 500 members, with a strong Executive is in large part a function of John's personal warmth and commitment.

On April 15, 2021, John was presented with the CURAC/ARUCC Tribute Award for outstanding service to YURA and to CURAC/ARUCC.

