



ANDREW POWTER (2006)

For more than 25 years, Andrew Powter, a Canadian federal government architect, dedicated his career to historic preservation. The well-known expression “doing his job” does not apply to Andrew. He lives and breathes preservation. For him, just like for so many of us, preservation is a mission, a way of life. His favorite fields of interest in preservation are conservation of wood and sustainable conservation. The conservation projects that Andrew managed over the years span from one end of Canada to the other, from Dawson City in Yukon to lighthouses in Newfoundland, including the Parliament buildings in Ottawa and many other significant historic properties in every one of the Canadian provinces and territories. Because of his expertise and experience, Andrew has been called upon to play an active role in the activities of a number of conservation-related organizations at the local, national and international level. He presently serves as Secretary-General of the ICOMOS International Wood Committee and participated as a conservation expert to various missions in Slovakia, Poland, Malta, France and so on.

In 2006, Andrew will be celebrating 30 years of membership in APT. He is highly respected among APTers not only for his sound grasp of technical issues and solid approach to conservation philosophy and management, but also for his generous sharing of his expertise and experience with other members. He has been active in contributing to the success of the organization’s multiple activities, in particular its conferences, its training programs, its chapters, its board, its committees, and its publications.

In 2004, Andrew founded, with John Lesak, the APTI Technical Committee on Sustainable Heritage Conservation. A special issue of the APT Bulletin has been published on this theme and a successful two-day Sustainable Heritage Conservation Symposium, co-organized by Andrew and John was offered as part of the APTI conference in Halifax. Andrew Powter is truly a pillar of the conservation movement in Canada and one of the strongest supporters and advocates of APT.