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Professor Masoud Farzaneh is honored at the 68th Gala of ACFAS

At the occasion of the 68th Gala of ACFAS (Francophone association for advancement of knowledge) the prestigious Urgel-Archambault Prize was awarded to Masoud Farzaneh, Professor at the Applied Sciences Department of the University of Québec in Chicoutimi. This event was marked by the presence of the Minister of Research, Science and Technology, Mr. Pierre Duchesne, as well as many dignitaries. The purpose of this prize is to recognize remarkable life-time achievements in physics, mathematics, computer science and engineering.



After obtaining his degree in electrical engineering from Teheran Polytechnical in 1973, Dr. Farzaneh obtained his Masters and then his Doctoral degree in 1980 from Institut national polytechnique and Université Paul Sabatier, in France. He subsequently obtained a Doctorat d'État ès Sciences from the same university in 1986. He is presently director of the International Research Center on Icing and Power Network Engineering (CENGIVRE) which he founded in 2003, as well as chairholder of the CIGELE Industrial Chair and the INGIVRE Canada Research Chair on Power Network Engineering. He has also been Director of the Master of Resources & Systems program, Director and Founder of the Master of Engineering program at UQAC as well as member of a variety of decisional committees.

The gala which took place on October 2nd at the Montreal Science Center was a celebration of the excellence of research in Quebec by bringing forward the career of noted researchers. This was the case for Professor Farzaneh, whose research has been focused for the last 30 years on the understanding of the phenomena at the source of the effects of cold climate on power network transmission and distribution systems. The impact of the bulk of his research is such that the whole approach on these issues has been deeply transformed for researchers, engineers, and consultants, as well as international regulatory organizations.