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## **Coal Association of Canada honours industry pioneer and researcher Ross Leeder**

EDMONTON – The Coal Association of Canada is pleased to announce Dr. Ross Leeder as the 2017 Award of Distinction Winner. The CAC Award of Distinction recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional accomplishments in the coal industry in Canada.

Dr. Leeder is being recognized for his research and advocacy contributing to the coal industry. Throughout his career, Dr. Leeder has worked to develop better International Standards for Canadian coals. In his work with CANMET, Dr. Leeder’s research established the value of Canadian coal, which improved international trade, and contributed to the growth and development of Canada’s metallurgical coal trade.

He has been a member of the Canadian Carbonization Research Association (CCRA) for over 40 years and has served as Chairman of their Technical Committee and their Board of Directors. He has authored numerous reports, publications and presentations over his career, always emphasizing the technical merits of Canadian coals. Dr. Leeder is highly regarded around the world for his expertise in all technical aspects of coal including exploration, mining, processing, transportation, storage, and utilization.

He worked with many coal mining companies in western Canada on all aspects of mining, processing and beneficiation technologies, but specifically to improve technologies to upgrade Canadian coals. Over the past 30 years, Dr. Leeder has worked for several coal companies, always championing Canadian coals in the International market place.

The Award of Distinction is awarded annually at the Coal Association of Canada’s Annual Conference, which will be at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver. The Award of Distinction presentation will be during the conference banquet dinner on September 28, 2017.

To nominate a coal industry leader for 2018, visit the Coal Association of Canada’s [Award of Distinction web page](#).

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### **Note to editors:**

Media interested in attending the 2017 conference presentations from September 28-29, 2017 can do so if accredited. Visit the [conference media page](#) for more information.

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