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Coal Association of Canada honours industry pioneer and geologist Madeleine Suska

EDMONTON – The Coal Association of Canada is pleased to announce Madeleine Suska, P. Geol. as the 2016 Award of Distinction Winner. The CAC Award of Distinction recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional accomplishments in the coal industry in Canada.

Born in Poland, Suska graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University of London. Starting in the oil and gas industry as a sedimentary geologist with many successful discoveries and predictions, Madeleine moved on to field exploration and mapping, later completing her Master of Science in Geology at the University of Alberta.

Suska took months-long horseback expeditions into the unmapped and unexplored lands of northeastern British Columbia and the eastern slopes of Alberta. She discovered and mapped major coal fields in BC and Alberta. These discoveries led to decades of further exploration and development, and most notably mining of the Northeast British Columbia Coal Block, including the Tumbler Ridge area.

Madeleine has been mapping, planning, negotiating, and promoting the coal industry since the 1950s, and is still active today.

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 June 9.

To nominate a coal industry leader for 2017, visit the Coal Association of Canada's [Award of Distinction web page](#).

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Note to editors:

Media interested in attending the 2016 conference and the Award presentations on June 9 can do so if accredited. Visit the [conference media page](#) for more information.

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