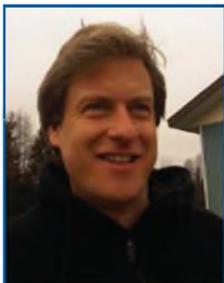


## RAGNAR GALT DWORSCHAK (1964–2012)



After a life of intellectual curiosity, discovery and passion for learning, Ragnar Galt Dworschak, beloved son of Hermann Gerald Dworschak and the late Diana Elizabeth Warren, and brother of Cathy Szata and Caroline Anne Dworschak passed away on October 8th, 2012.

Ragnar attended D. Roy Kennedy Public School, Ottawa, followed by Merivale High School, Ottawa. He graduated with a B.Sc. in Applied Physics from University of Waterloo in 1987, an M.Sc. in Applied Physics from Queens University in 1990 and a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Manitoba in 2004. During his Masters program, he also worked for NRC, developing techniques for explosives detection for civil aviation anti-terrorism. From 2005 to 2010, he worked at Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, first in the Fuel Channels Division and then in the Reactor Physics Branch, performing reactor core physics modelling for GEN-IV Reactors. In 2010, he left AECL and joined Best Theratronics Ltd. as Director of Technical Services, where he acted as the technical interface between Physics, Engineering, Sales, Marketing, the agent and client base and the academic community. His work at Best Theratronics allowed him to travel around the world, engage in discussions about physics and nuclear medicine and participate in numerous working groups at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna.

Through his work and personal travel, he appreciated living and working with many diverse cultures around the world. He was also an active member of both the Canadian Nuclear Society (CNS) and Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP). While in Chalk River, he was elected Chair of the CNS Chalk River Branch for 2 consecutive years, inspiring young minds to get involved with the Society and participate in Educational and Outreach activities. After leaving Chalk River, he remained active in the CNS as part of the Ottawa Branch, where he continued to participate in Technical Seminars or as a judge in Regional Science Fairs and other

activities. Ragnar joined the CAP as an undergraduate student in 1987 and maintained his membership throughout his career. He became a Regional Councillor in 2007 while working with AECL and was so committed to the organization that he convinced Best Theratronics to support his continued involvement on Council when he changed jobs in 2010. He remained a Councillor until June 2012. Ragnar obtained his P.Phys. licence in 2009. He participated in CAP Congresses, often as the representative at AECL's exhibit booth. He was instrumental in encouraging AECL to create a best student presentation award in fields relevant to the work carried on at AECL.

Ragnar had a unique combination of a scientific mind with its openness and analytical capabilities, a highly creative artistic mind, and a deeply compassionate side, full of empathy for others. His engagement in the fine arts, especially music, was integral to his life. He was the recipient of a Gloucester Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution to Music. He played his trombone in many ensembles and lent his beautiful deep voice to many choirs, including the United Nations Choir in Vienna. Ragnar delighted in his years working with the Deep River Players. His commanding presence, voice and sense of humour added greatly to the various productions. For 17 consecutive years, Ragnar volunteered at the Winnipeg Folk Festival and was a very valued and respected daytime stage manager at the Bluestem Stage.

Ragnar derived much pleasure from bicycling for fundraisers such as the Multiple Sclerosis Society and enjoyed playing racquetball or squash. Outdoor life especially appealed to him and he spent many of his summers with his Manitoba family working on farms and enjoyed developing his own farm near Chalk River. He also received an outstanding award from the Canadian Blood Donor Society for his well over 200 blood and plasma donations.

He will be greatly missed by all those who knew him.

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