



## Roy Wiseman Receives Peter Bennett Award 2008

Roy Wiseman, CIO of the Region of Peel, Ontario, has been named the 2008 recipient of the Peter Bennett Award.

Wiseman received the award June 2 in a ceremony at the Lac Carling Congress in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, before an audience of IT and service-delivery officials from all levels of government.

In presenting the award, Kevin Peacock of the City of Saskatoon, outgoing president of MISA/ASIM Canada, praised Wiseman as one of Canada's most influential municipal IT executives.

"His work has been inspirational at local, provincial and national levels," Peacock said.

The Peter Bennett Award is the highest award in the Canadian municipal IT community. MISA/ASIM Canada created it in 2005, shortly after the sudden death of the greatly respected municipal IT leader from Winnipeg for whom it is named.

The award trophy is presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the Canadian municipal IT community and to the MISA/ASIM Canada mission and objectives, while exemplifying Bennett's spirit of demonstrated leadership and working "beyond the call" with humour and humanity.

In accepting the award, Wiseman said: "It has been a great pleasure to be part of the municipal community and the MISA community for so many years. I know probably every municipal IT director in Ontario and most of them across the country and they are a wonderful group of people.

"I love working in this broader community with our provincial and federal colleagues and I hope to keep doing it for a long time. I get a lot more out of this than I ever put into it."

Peacock noted that Wiseman is one of a small group of people, including Bennett, who guided the creation of MISA/ASIM Canada. As founding secretary, he directed the association's incorporation process. He is the principal author of the MISA/ASIM Canada By-Laws and Operations Manual.

Wiseman served as a municipal representative on the Public Service CIO Council from 2006 until this year and was for several years a municipal representative on the National CIO Subcommittee on Information Protection .

He has been the municipal co-chair of the Lac Carling Congress since 2006 and has attended every Congress since its inception 12 years ago. At present he is helping to organize a meeting of the Joint Councils planned for the fall of 2008 with co-hosts the City of Toronto, Peel Region and the Province of Ontario.

"He has embodied the MISA/ASIM Canada objectives of facilitation, sharing, co-operation and collaboration, service quality, and effective delivery of municipal services using IT," Peacock said. "He

has devoted his professional life to these objectives and the IT community in Canada has benefited greatly from his efforts, and continues to do so.”

Wiseman has made many contributions to MISA Ontario. He has served continuously on the Executive since 1991 and was president in 1992-93; he led the incorporation of MISA Ontario in 1992; was chair of annual conferences in 1995 and 1999 and chair of the MISA IT Security Conference in 2005.

Some of Wiseman’s work in Ontario has had national benefits. He helped initiate the development of Municipal Interface to a national professional journal that has raised the status of MISA/ASIM Canada as a thought leader. Today he is chair of the Municipal Reference Model Version 2 Steering Committee, working to unify the language of service delivery for municipalities across Canada and develop a Web-based reference service.

Wiseman was the first recipient of MISA Ontario’s Regena Lerke Distinguished Service Award in 2002 and was given the John Cushing Award of Merit in 1998 for long and exemplary service. At Lac Carling last year, he was presented with the Heintzman Leadership Award by the Institute for Citizen-Centred Service for outstanding leadership within the public sector in promoting citizen-centred service.

Wiseman is the fourth recipient of the Peter Bennett Award. The first was Bennett himself, posthumously. The 2006 recipient was Debbie Barrett, now CIO of McMaster University, formerly director of information technology for the City of Mississauga and past president of MISA Ontario. In 2007 the award went to Per Kristensen of the City of Nanaimo, a founder and long-time leader of MISA BC and co-founder of MISA/ASIM Canada as a member with Bennett of the organizing committee.