

Obituary

Michel Lecours - Engineering educator

Michel Lecours, Fellow member, died 21 October. He was 62 years old.

Mr. Lecours graduated from École Polytechnique, Montréal, Canada, in 1963, and received his Ph.D. degree in electronics and communications from the Imperial College, London, England, in 1967. From 1967 to 2001, he was a Professor in the Electrical Engineering Department, Laval University, Quebec City, Canada. He was Head of the Electrical Engineering Department, Laval University, from 1975 to 1977, and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering from 1977 to 1985. He was involved in transmission system engineering at Bell Northern Research, Ottawa, Canada, and was a Visiting Research Scientist in the Digital Mobile Radio Section, Electrical Communication Laboratories, NTT, Yokosuka, Japan. His research interests were in the field of mobile and wireless radio channels, microstrip antenna arrays for mobile communications and radar, and applications of data fusion to identify information expert systems. In the field of technology transfer, he collaborated with Lab-Volt Ltd., Quebec City, Canada, in the development of telecommunication, microwave, radar, and antenna training equipment.

He was Editor of the Canadian Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering from 1992 to 1998 and served on the executive committee of IEEE Canada (Region 7) from 1995 to 1997. He was the recipient of the 1987 Annual Merit Award presented by the École Polytechnique of Montreal Alumni Association, the 1997 John B. Stirling Medal of the Engineering Institute of Canada, and the 1997 IEEE Regional Activities Board Larry K. Wilson Transnational Award.

He is survived by his wife, three children and two grandchildren.

CR40 - Spring editorial - Income Tax Software

Vijay,

You made an excellent point about the cost of acquiring the software to do your own income tax when the government (CCRA) should provide each taxpayer upon request with the software. However, it is not necessary for them to send a disk as it could be downloaded from a secure site using the SIN number of the taxpayer to access their site. One would then complete the forms and send them back to the CCRA site. This would be cheaper for all. I find that preparing my information and then having my tax accountant fill the form that he gets from CCRA is the cheapest but that is still \$50.00 plus GST. The advantage of this approach is that one does not have to supply the receipts and T-slips. **We should all send this suggestion to the Minister responsible for the CCRA and our MP's.**

**Harvey Buckmaster
BC.**

Vijay

Thank you for your continued efforts in publishing the IEEE Canadian Review.

I always seem to find an interesting article that causes me to read through the entire publication. I was very impressed with Dr. Luchien Chang's article on Wind Energy Conversions Systems (Spring 2002 Publication) as I had some exposure to Dr. Chang's research when he first began and it was interesting to read how his research has progressed. Thank you again for ensuring that we have interesting articles in the Canadian Review.

**Stephen A. Galbraith
Ottawa, ON**

Editor's note:

We do appreciate your feedback. Thanks.

Subject: Investment tips

If you had bought \$1000.00 worth of Nortel stock one year ago, it would now be worth \$49.00.

With Enron, you would have \$16.50 of the original \$1,000.00.

With Worldcom, you would have less than \$5.00 left.

If you had bought \$1,000.00 worth of Molson (the beer, Stupid, not the stock) one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for the 10 cent deposit, you would have \$214.00.

Based on the above, my current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle.

**Ann McLoud
Toronto, ON**

ps: Valuations may fluctuate with the time/day of the week, but you get the drift. Readers should note that drinking may be harmful to your health; ... to say nothing of investing in the stock market. However, recycling is most definitely recommended.

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