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PRESS RELEASE

Medal for Volunteers Presented to ETA Master

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, the Governor General of Canada presented the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers to 41 individuals during a ceremony this spring to recognize the exceptional volunteer achievements of Canadians from across the country in a wide range of fields. A volunteer with ETA International since 1992, Robert Ing, CESma, promotes the education and employment of electronics technicians and technologists around the globe.

Greencastle, May 22, 2018: [ETA International](#) congratulates one of this year's recipients of Canada's



Ing accepted the award from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada.

Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. Robert Ing is a Certified Electronics Specialist Master (CESma), the Canadian equivalent to the U.S. version of the Certified Electronics Technician Master (CETma), which is the highest level of certification offered by ETA and recognizes those technicians who are able to demonstrate proficiency in the many fields of electronics. In addition to the Associate level certification, one must successfully obtain six ETA certifications, with no more than two originating from the same specialized category.

"Bob has been appreciated for many years by ETA and continues to be one of its best supporters, promoting the organization in ways that are a great part of the reason it is successful today, said ETA Founder Richard "Dick" Glass, CETsr, adding, "That medal on his chest is richly deserved."

As a result of his internationally-recognized certification, he has helped specialists in the field earn credentials and build careers in the technology sector and often gives credit to ETA certification for his own successful career.

He said Glass and ETA inspired and empowered him, which is something priceless that stays with a person for their lifetime and added that receiving the award would have never been possible had it not been for the inspiration Glass gave through the Associate Certified Electronics Technician (CETA) study guide and the opportunity of serving ETA.

"Hardly a year goes by that I don't find myself telling the story of seeing the (CETA) study guide as a kid, and then actually getting certified, personally meeting the man who wrote the book, and serving on the ETA Board, Ing said, adding, "It's the stuff dreams are made of and for this I am truly grateful to you (Glass) and all those at the helm of ETA."

Ing reached a pinnacle of achievement in 1992 when he earned the Master Certified Electronics Specialist (CESma), which is the highest level of certification that the ETA organization offers. He then went on to serve on the ETA Board of Directors as the first Canadian to do so. He has also served as an appointed ETA Country Representative in Canada and continues to serve the association in that capacity. In this role, he can provide outreach to high schools and vocational schools by visiting and speaking with students who are considering technical careers in the electronics, IT and communications fields, if called upon.

"The entire association and its affiliates have all benefited from his efforts," said ETA President Teresa Maher, CSS, adding, "The most significant contribution was his recognition of a need for a certification study guide to help those at the very first step of technical training to earn a credential for workforce development skills."

Ing has served in the past as a Subject Matter Expert in the development and updating of multiple accredited certification programs sponsored by ETA. This work consists of providing content and feedback while working within a committee of peers, in various technical areas, with an understanding of industry standards and best practices. This one volunteer effort often involves hours of content review and revision and he can be counted on to participate with knowledge, based on his years of technical experience.

To learn more about the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers citation, go to <http://www.gg.ca/document.aspx?id=17091&lan=eng>.

About ETA - Since 1978, ETA has delivered over 200,000 certification examinations successfully. Widely recognized and frequently used in worker job selection, hiring processes, pay increases, and advancements, ETA certifications are often required as companies bid on contracts. ETA's certifications are personal and travel with the individual, regardless of employment or status change and measure competencies of persons, not products or vendors. All ETA certifications are accredited through the International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC) and align with the ISO-17024 standard. www.eta-i.org

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