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Election of Directors

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CIC Vice-President

Dr. Phillip Choi PEng (AB & SK), FCIC, FEIC, FRSC (UK)

Dr. Phillip Choi is currently the Dean of Engineering at the University of Regina and a Professor Emeritus at the University of Alberta. He is a licensed professional engineer, a federal court approved expert witness in polymer science and engineering, and a Fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada, Engineering Institute of Canada, Royal Society of Chemistry (UK), and Canadian Society of Senior Engineers. Dr. Choi holds degrees in chemical engineering from UBC (BASc) and the University of Waterloo (MAsc and PhD). He is the co-author of a widely used textbook “The Elements of Polymer Science and Engineering” (4th edition, 2025) published by Elsevier and has published 3 book chapters, 160 referred journal articles, and 2 US patents. He has worked as a visiting/research scientist at Xerox Research Centre of Canada, Sternson Construction Limited, NOVA Chemicals Corporation, and Institute of Polymer Science at the University of Akron.

CIC Director of Awards

Dr. Christina Bottaro MCIC

Dr. Christina Bottaro is professor and head of the Department of Chemistry at Memorial University of Newfoundland. She earned her BSc (Honours) from Saint Mary's University and completed her PhD in analytical chemistry at Dalhousie University. Her academic career has been marked by leadership roles within the university, including Deputy Head for Graduate and Research (2014) before assuming the department headship. Her research focuses on the development of rapid, sensitive analytical techniques for detecting organic environmental pollutants, particularly in aquatic systems with a focus on sample preparation for mass spectrometry using molecularly imprinted polymers for solid phase microextraction. Dr. Bottaro has also contributed to interdisciplinary research initiatives aimed at monitoring environmental contaminants in harsh marine environments, collaborating with scientists across chemistry, engineering, and ocean sciences. Her work has broader applications in environmental monitoring, industrial process control, and potentially in clinical and forensic analysis. She has served as Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer of the Analytical Chemistry Division and was recently (2021-2025) the CSC Director of Awards.