

## **David S. Chanasyk, PhD, PAg, PEng, FAIC, FCSSS**

David is passionately committed to continuing professional development, both for himself and facilitating opportunities for others. David is enthusiastic about curriculum, leadership, collaboration, teamwork, excellence and feedback. He embraces change enthusiastically and is committed to being an agent of change, always examining how he, colleagues, friends and boards can do things differently and better. He is a feedback fanatic, as that has been such an integral part of his academic career, constantly offering constructive comments on process and issues. He also loves to explore all forms of communication, examining their effectiveness. David is well noted for his constructively critical comments on a wide variety of topics, always striving to 'make things better'.



David has had myriad opportunities to give and receive feedback. He has taught a broad suite of soil and water courses, in class sizes ranging from <10 to 225. He has also served as a trusted academic advisor and mentor for undergraduate students and graduates his entire career.

David is a committed leader. He has chaired most groups he has been associated with, including committees on the U of A campus, several research adjudication panels, including NSERC and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, and has been president of both the Alberta Institute of Agrologists and Agricultural Institute of Canada. He served as Associate Dean (Academic Programs) for his faculty for three years, as Director of the Water Resources Centre on campus for almost 25 years as well as Director of the Oil Sands Environmental Research Network for several years. He also served on, and chaired, numerous student appeal panels at the university level.

David has published over 100 refereed publications and over 50 graduate students have completed their programs with him. He is a committed collaborator, on a variety of research projects, and is a thorough and detail attentive reviewer of research manuscripts and grant proposals. He has made numerous oral presentations, mainly on soil and water issues, and more recently, on continuing professional development and feedback.

David is an active professional agrologist and professional engineer. He has received many awards: Distinguished Agrologist by the AIA, the Jim Beamish Award for outstanding contributions in soil and water from the Canadian Society of Agricultural Engineering in 1997. He holds fellowships from the Canadian Society of Soil Science in 2000 and the Agricultural Institute of Canada in 2001.

David is a native Albertan raised in east central Alberta. He lives in Alberta and Prince Edward Island. He is a father and grandfather and trusted friend and colleague. His students would say "David pushed us to do things we never thought we were capable of!"