



## **Richard W. Hutchinson**

1996 Medal of Merit Recipient

Richard W. Hutchinson was born in London, Ontario, Canada, in 1928. He received his B.Sc. in geology in 1950 from the University of Western Ontario and his M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin in 1951 and 1954. As a graduate student, Dr. Hutchinson worked for the Geological Survey of Canada. Then he went to work for the American Metal Company for ten years.

He left industry in 1964 and began a 19-year career on the faculty of the University of Western Ontario. In 1983, he moved to the Colorado School of Mines as the Charles F. Fogarty Professor of Economic Geology chair. He retired in 1994.

Hutchinson's major contributions include his documentation and interpretation that base metal massive sulfide deposits are essentially syngenetic and formed as exhalations on the sea floor. He developed a coherent scheme of crustal change through space and time for the base metal family of deposits. He has placed hundreds of students into successful exploration worldwide through his teaching and research.