



Richard “Dick” Hutchinson was a former Economic Geology Professor at Western. Dick was honoured with many awards, notably his induction to the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame in 2006. The visiting Richard W. Hutchinson Visiting Industry Professor was established through a generous donation by Dr. Keith Barron and we are pleased to announce that Dr. Peter Lightfoot will be the next Richard W. Hutchinson Visiting Industry Professor. Dr. Lightfoot worked for Inco, then Vale for more than 20 years and until recently was their Chief Geologist, Brownfield Exploration, Base Metals Division in Sudbury. Peter has published extensively, including his new book “Nickel Sulfide Ores and Impact Melts: Origin of the Sudbury Igneous Complex”. Dick’s work to bridge the gap between academia and the practical world of exploration is a major driving force behind the Visiting Industry Professor Position. Peter’s combination of a love for mentoring students, conducting first class research and being a leader in industry will continue to foster Dick’s legacy. Details of his planned interaction with the Department will follow, including an event at Western. Stay tuned for forthcoming announcements.