



AGS DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARD. GESNER MEDAL - 1994
Arie Ruitenberg

The 1994 recipient of the Gesner Medal is Dr. Arie Ruitenberg of the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources and Energy. The award was given in recognition of his contributions to mineral deposit geology and tectonic synthesis of the New Brunswick Appalachians as well as the applications of geology to forest-site classification, groundwater resources, and the location sanitary landfills. Arie was recently honoured by the naming of the boron potash mineral, Ruitenbergite.

Dr. Ruitenberg is a native of the Netherlands. He obtained his degree in Science from the Agricultural University in Holland in 1950. He immigrated to Canada and worked for the Ontario Department of Highways. Becoming interested in bedrock he attended Carleton University in Ottawa and received a Bachelor of Science in Geology and Chemistry in 1960. Next he obtained a Master of Science in Mineral Deposits Geology and Geochemistry from the University of New Brunswick, followed by his Ph. D. in Structural and Applied Geology under de Setler from the University of Leiden in 1967.

Art Ruitenberg is noted for his work on tin deposits at Mount Pleasant. He worked as an exploration geologist and consultant for various mining companies while he did his graduate studies. Since 1967, he has worked in the Sussex Regional Office of the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources and Energy as the Regional Geologist for southern New Brunswick. Since 1970, he has also been supervisor of geological and metallogenic investigations of southern New Brunswick under the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources and Energy and the Canada Department of Regional Economic Expansion. In 1984, he became the recipient of the Dr. W.J. Wright Award of the New Brunswick Branch of Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum, in recognition of his contributions to the mineral industry in New Brunswick.