

Ronald David Page (1925-2014)



Ronald David Page was born 1925 , Edinburgh, Scotland. He joined the RAF via the Oxford University Short Course in 1942-43. He obtained his wings at No.5 British Flying Training School at Clewiston, Florida, USA, in early 1945. He obtained an Aeronautical degree at Loughborough University with honours in 1952, and worked for Bristol Engines at Filton on the Proteus and the first Olympus engines, on the turbine blade side of development. He emigrated to Canada in 1954. He found work at Orenda engines at Nobel, near Parry Sound, on development testing

of components for the Iroquois engine. It was being developed for the Avro Arrow supersonic fighter program.

In January 1958, he was posted on attachment to Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.(AECL) at the Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories. In September 1959, he joined Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. to form Power Reactor Fuel Engineering. He was responsible for all the development of CANDU nuclear power reactor fuel. (NPD-2, Douglas Point, Indian RAPP I, Pickering A&B, Gentilly-1 BLW, Bruce A&B, Gentilly-2 600 Mwe reactors).

In 1970, he was diagnosed with idiosyncratic multiple sclerosis and that same year he was transferred to AECL Engineering Co., Sheridan Park near Toronto, Ont. to form a new branch of Fuel Engineering. In 1980 he became the R & D program manager for all the combined AECL/Ontario Hydro R&D programs and later CANDU Owners Group (COG) R&D programs.

He was a Associate Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society, a Professional Engineer of Ontario, a director of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society, a member of AECL CANDU Retirees Association, Federal Superannuates National Association and a member of CANDU Origins and Evolution working group.

He retired in January 1987.