

PROF. RICHARD LARSON SELECTED FOR IAOTP'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Prof. Richard Larson member of the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) will be honored at their annual awards gala in Las Vegas

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, February 20, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Prof. Richard Larson, MIT Professor, was recently selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award 2025 by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) for his outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to the industry.

While inclusion with the International Association of Top Professionals is an honor in and of itself, only a few select members are chosen for the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. These special honorees are selected to receive this award based on their longevity in their fields, their contributions to society, and their impact on their industries. Prof. Richard Larson will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award this December at IAOTP's 2025 Annual Awards Gala at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas www.iaotp.com/award-gala

With five decades of industry experience, Prof. Larson has firmly established himself as a leading expert in his field. A dynamic and results-driven leader, his



career has centered on applying his expertise in operations research and systems to a broad spectrum of challenges across both the public and private sectors. Prof. Larson has authored, co-authored, or edited six books and written or co-written more than 175 scientific articles. His work spans areas such as urban service systems (especially emergency response systems), disaster planning, pandemics, queueing theory, logistics, technology-enabled education, smart energy homes, and workforce planning. His first book, *Urban Police Patrol Analysis* (MIT Press, 1972), earned the prestigious Lanchester Prize from the Operations Research Society of America (ORSA). In collaboration with Amedeo Odoni, he co-authored *Urban Operations Research* (Prentice Hall, 1981), a widely cited textbook with over 1,000 citations. Prof. Larson's contributions to queueing theory have not only led to the development of innovative computational techniques, such as the Queue Inference Engine (an early example of data-driven research) and the Hypercube Queueing Model (with 740 citations) but also garnered significant attention from both national and international media.

Two of Prof. Larson's recent papers, co-authored with his students, have won prestigious Best-Paper-of-the-Year awards. The first, "Modeling the Effects of H1N1 Influenza Vaccine Distribution in the U.S." (with Anna Teytelman), was published in *Value in Health* in 2012. The second, "STEM Crisis or STEM Surplus? Yes and Yes" (with Ms. Yi Xue), was published in *Monthly Labor Review* by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and won the Lawrence M. Klein Award from the U.S. Department of Labor in 2015. This paper was also featured in *The New York Times*.

Prof. Larson served as President of the Operations Research Society of America (ORSA) from 1993 to 1994 and as past President of INFORMS (Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences) in 2005. Additionally, he co-directed the MIT Operations Research Center for over 15 years.

Dr. Larson has also contributed to numerous government boards. Notably, he was an invited member of the Institute of Medicine's Board on Health Sciences Policy from 2008 to 2010 and served on the Standing Committee on Emergency Management and Medical Response Integration from 2009 to 2015.

Throughout his career, he has consulted for a variety of companies and government agencies, leading multiple major projects with the U.S. Postal Service and the City of New York.

He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering and is an INFORMS Founding Fellow. He has been honored with the INFORMS President's Award and the Kimball Medal. In 2017, he was given the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Daniel Berg Medal for "making significant contributions to technology innovation, service systems and strategic decision making," New Delhi, India.

From 1995 to mid-2003, Prof. Larson served as director of MIT's CAES, Center for Advanced Educational Services. His position at CAES focused on bringing technology-enabled learning to students living on the traditional campus and to those living and working far from the university, perhaps on different continents. He was founding director of LINC, Learning International

Networks Consortium, an MIT-based international project that has held eight international symposia.

Currently, Prof. Larson is the principal investigator of the MIT BLOSSOMS Initiative. He continues to be actively engaged in research, especially on how Operations Research can provide insights into the monitoring and control of COVID-19 and on analyzing proposed major structural changes in the U.S. education system.

Prior to his career, Prof. Larson earned his BS and PhD in Electrical Engineering from MIT in 1969.

Throughout his illustrious career, Prof. Larson has received many awards and accolades and has been recognized worldwide for his accomplishments. This year, he will be considered for a feature in TIP (Top Industry Professionals) Magazine. Prof. Larson will be honored at the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) Annual Awards gala in December at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas. He will receive the prestigious title of Top Professor of the Year, alongside his most recent accolade, the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Looking back, Prof. Larson attributes his success to his persistence and the mentors he had along the way. When not working, he enjoys spending time with his family and traveling. In the future, he hopes to inspire and influence those getting into the field.

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IAOTP's experts have given thousands of top prestigious professionals around the world, the recognition and credibility that they deserve and have helped in building their branding empires. IAOTP prides itself to be a one-of-a-kind boutique networking organization that handpicks only the best of the best and creates a networking platform that connects and brings these top professionals to one place.

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