

Rumina Velshi P.Eng

Rumina Velshi recently retired from Ontario Power Generation after a 32-year career with the company. Her last role was that of Director, Planning and Control, Darlington New Nuclear Project. In that role, she was the commercial lead from OPG for the procurement of nuclear reactors for the Darlington site as well as responsible for developing and implementing the project management infrastructure for one of the largest mega capital projects in Canada.

Rumina holds a B.A.Sc (Civil Engineering), M.Eng (Chemical Engineering) and an MBA - all from the University of Toronto.

Throughout her career, Rumina has worked relentlessly on promoting careers in science and engineering - especially for women. She is the founding member of Women in Science and Engineering (Canada), currently a member of the Board of Directors of Women in Nuclear (Canada), a regular judge at science fairs and a long-standing speaker and panelist at career symposiums and conferences. Rumina was recently invited to join the Board of Directors of Scientist in Schools - an organization with the mandate of inspiring an excitement for science and technology in children of all ages. The organization reaches almost 500,000 Kindergarten to Grade 8 students annually.

Rumina is also very active in international development activities. She is the founding member of Focus Humanitarian Assistance Canada - which has since become a very well respected internationally recognized humanitarian assistance agency. During Rumina's tenure on the Focus board, one of its priority initiative was to sponsors and facilitate the resettlement of thousands of refugees from Afghanistan to Canada. FOCUS was recognized and honoured for this work by the Government of Canada in October 2009.

In the spring of 2008, Rumina led an expedition of 18 young professionals from around the world to Tajikistan and Afghanistan to inculcate in them a better appreciation of the international development activities underway in the 2 countries.

In her "retirement", Rumina aspires to play a greater role in these international development activities.