

## **Dr. Veena Rawat**

Dr. Veena Rawat is President of the Communications Research Centre, Canada's largest public sector ICT research and commercialization program with 400 staff, and an annual budget of \$50 million. She is responsible for Canada's participation in bilateral and multilateral ICT research partnerships.

Dr. Rawat immigrated to Canada from India. She was the first woman to graduate with a PhD in electrical engineering from Queen's University, Canada. With 35 years of experience in government, she manages programs related to spectrum planning, engineering and regulations development for terrestrial and space services. Dr. Rawat has been at the centre of major policy and regulatory decisions to bring new communications services to Canada and other parts of the world, and in strengthening linkages with other government agencies, academia, industry and international organizations.

She has led many delegations and negotiations at ITU-R, CITELE and other bilateral and regional meetings. Dr. Rawat currently chairs the ITU study group for satellite services. In 2003, she chaired the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-03), for which she was awarded an ITU Gold Medal. Dr. Rawat's fair-minded approach to bilateral and multilateral negotiations has demonstrated repeatedly that common ground and solutions can be found.

An internationally recognized expert in spectrum management and ICT technologies and trends, Dr. Rawat has been a keynote and invited speaker at over 100 domestic and international conferences and events since 1995. She has received many honours, including Canada's leading Woman High Tech Entrepreneur from the Canadian Advanced Technology Alliance (2008); Canada's Most Powerful Women, Top 100, Canada's Executive Women's Network (2005); Leadership in Government Award, Wireless Communications Association International (2005); and the Canadian Woman of the Year in Communications (2004).

