

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Regents Communication

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ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement

Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir

Christopher B. Winkler, M.S., research scientist in the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, will retire from active faculty status on December 31, 2006.


Mr. Winkler received his B.S. degree from Bucknell University in 1968 and his M.S. degree from the University of Michigan in 1969. He joined the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI) as a research assistant in 1970 and was promoted to senior research associate in 1972, assistant research scientist in 1977, associate research scientist in 1981, and research scientist in 1988.

Within UMTRI, Mr. Winkler's research interests have focused on the measurement, analysis, and prediction of the behavior of motor vehicles and their components. His responsibilities have included the design and construction of a variety of laboratory and field devices for measuring the properties of vehicles and their components. He has been involved in all aspects of research projects, from initial conception and preparation of proposals to the writing of final technical reports, and has served in capacities ranging from project director to principal investigator to staff engineer.

Mr. Winkler has lectured broadly on the subject of heavy-vehicle dynamics and he has taught short courses as part the School of Engineering's Center for Professional Development Continuing Education Program for more than 35 years. He has served as a special engineering consultant within Michigan and in Canada and has been an advisor to agencies dealing with road transport regulation in New Zealand and The Netherlands. Mr. Winkler has been active in the Society of Automotive Engineers and the International Standards Organization, contributing to the development of standard engineering practices and test methods. He has served as chair of the Vehicle Dynamics Standards Committee of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) since 2003, and as a U.S. delegate to the parallel committee of the International Standards Organization (ISO) since 1993. He is a trustee of the International Forum for Road Transport Technology and served as the chair of that organization's Fourth International Symposium on Heavy Vehicle Weights and Dimensions.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Christopher B. Winkler research scientist emeritus**.

Requested by:



Sally J. Churchill
Vice President and Secretary of the University

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