

ENGINEERING'S SUUBERG RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE IN ESTONIA

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On September 17, the Tallinn University of Technology (TUT) in Estonia awarded an honorary degree to Professor of Engineering Eric Suuberg as part of its 90th anniversary celebration. The honor recognized Suuberg's achievements in the fields of chemical engineering, fuel science, and environmental technology. The citation made special mention of Suuberg's "promotion of cultural contacts between Estonia and the United States, in particular scientific contacts between Tallinn University ... and Brown University."

Suuberg, of Estonian descent, has maintained strong professional ties to TUT for many years. In 2001 he was a Fulbright Scholar in Estonia, and he has served a lengthy term on the board of the Estonian-American National Council, which fosters cultural exchange between the United States and Estonia.

Suuberg's research interests center on energy and the environment, involving applications including fuel chemistry (coal, oil shale, and biomass), activated carbons (production and properties), materials reuse opportunities (automobile tires and coal fly ash), fire safety, and, most recently, the characterization and cleanup of lands and sediments contaminated with mixed pollutants. He has been at Brown since 1981, when he was one of the founding members of Brown's chemical engineering program. Suuberg has served as associate dean of the faculty (2002-2005), as chair of the psychology department (2004-5), and as a member of the executive committee of the Division of Engineering. He is currently co-director of the Superfund Basic Research Program and a co-founder of the Commerce, Organizations, and Entrepreneurship concentration.



Eric Suuberg