It is my privilege, Mr. Chancellor, to present Dr. Ivan Peter Fellegi. As Chief Statistician of Canada, Ivan Fellegi has set a standard of excellence admired around the world. Our knowledge of Canada and Canadians has been greatly enhanced through his tireless efforts to make Statistics Canada relevant to the significant economic and social issues facing this country.

Born in Hungary, he early on showed himself to be gifted as a poet and mathematician, the ideal union according to William James. After obtaining his B.Sc. in Mathematics at the University of Budapest in 1956, he came to Canada and joined the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in 1957. He continued his studies at night, earning an M.Sc. in Mathematics and his Ph.D. in Mathematical Statistics at Carleton University.

A statistician with a deep love of poetry and classical music, a superb administrator with a fierce pride in the integrity and confidentiality of information, Ivan Fellegi has been an inspirational force at Statistics Canada for almost four decades. Early in his career, he began to make important and fundamental contributions to statistics in the fields of sampling theory, response error estimation, record linkage, and survey design. Indeed, so comprehensive is his grasp of statistics that in 1978 he was seconded to serve on President Carter's Reorganization of the U.S. Statistical Systems Project, serving as de facto staff director.

In 1985, after having held several key positions at Statistics Canada, among them Assistant Chief Statistician, Social Statistics Field and Deputy Chief Statistician of Canada, he was appointed Chief Statistician of Canada. As its leader, he has guided Statistics Canada to a position of prominence, always endeavouring to make its work as relevant to the layperson as to the specialist. In 1991, The Economist magazine concluded that Statistics Canada was the best agency of its kind in the world.

Ivan Fellegi has been recognized nationally and internationally for his work. He served as president of the prestigious International Statistical Institute from 1987 to 1989. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society, and a Fellow of the American Statistical Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In 1989, he received La M6daille de la ville de Paris (6chelon Vermeil). In 1992, he was made a Member of the Order of Canada.

Mr. Chancellor, excellence is an ideal many seek but few attain. In Ivan Fellegi's life work, we catch a glimpse of its true nature. Through his vision and dedication, he has brought great credit to Statistics Canada and to this country. I am proud to present Ivan Peter Fellegi for the Degree, Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.