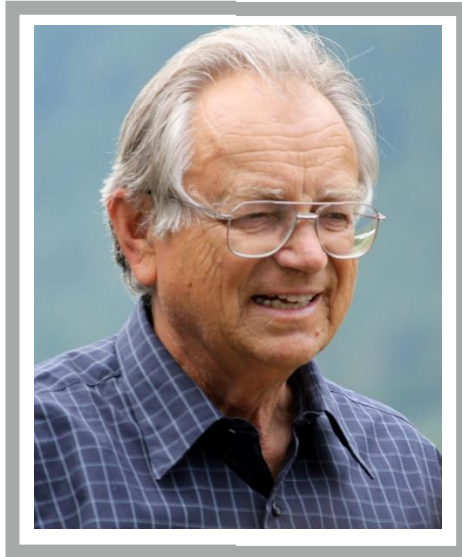


# IAN MCTAGGART-COWAN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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## 2018 – Valerius Geist



**Position:** Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Environmental Design, University of Calgary

**Accomplishments:** Dr. Geist is a world-renowned biologist and behaviorist. Born in the USSR, he immigrated to Canada in 1953 and studied Zoology at UBC under Professor Ian McTaggart Cowan. He completed postdoctoral work at the Max Planck Institut für Verhaltensphysiologie under Konrad Lorenz and then joined the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary, where he remained until retiring in 1995.

Dr. Geist is known for his classic studies on mountain sheep, elk, mule deer, mountain goats, and other species. His professional output includes 11 books authored, 6 books co-authored or edited, 7 documentary films, 7 policy reports, and more than 130 refereed papers, book chapters, and commentaries. His edited volume, *The Behaviour of Ungulates and its Relation to Management*, stands out as a classic. His treatise, *Deer of the World: A Study in Evolution and Behaviour*, won the 1999 Culture Prize of the Conseil International de la Chasse in France. *Bison Nation* won the Peggy Thompson Award from the Alberta Society of Professional Biologists, and the Best Nature/Environment Book by the Mid-America Publishers Association. Published with Dr. Ian McTaggart Cowan (eds), *Wildlife Conservation Policy: a reader* also won the Peggy Thompson Award.

Dr. Geist remains productive and influential in the wildlife science and policy realms, both within Canada and internationally.