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Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions names associate director

The Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS), a University of Victoria-led knowledge network focused on climate change solutions, announced on Thursday the appointment of Dr. Ged McLean as associate director effective Nov. 15, 2017.

McLean spent 13 years as a professor of mechanical engineering at UVic, including four years as director of the Institute for Integrated Energy Systems (IESVic). In 2002, he founded Angstrom Power Inc., later owned by BIC Inc., where he developed state of the art fuel cell systems targeted at handheld portable power applications. These systems included novel fuel cell, hydrogen storage, power electronics and micro fluidics technologies. More broadly, McLean has been lead inventor in more than 80 patents with research contributions in areas including design methods, energy systems, art databases, embedded systems and image processing. He holds BSc, MSc, and PhD degrees in Systems Design Engineering from the University of Waterloo.

He is the director of strategic planning with IESVic and science adviser for the Institute for Breakthrough Energy Technology. He also sits on the advisory council for UVic's School of Environmental Studies and the advisory board for CanAssist.

"We are thrilled to have Ged join the PICS team. His vast experience as an academic and industry expert in clean energy systems will bring significant value to PICS as we expand our global reach and continue our work on solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation," said Dr. Sybil Seitzinger, executive director of PICS. "I'm also excited Ged can help provide strategic advice required to roll out PICS' new strategic plan."

"Addressing the challenges of climate change has been the prime motivation for my research in clean energy systems for more than 20 years," said McLean. "I am honoured to have the opportunity to join the PICS team to help guide the research and development of important policies and technologies that can address the climate challenges we face."

PICS is hosted and led by UVic in collaboration with BC's three other research-intensive universities: Simon Fraser University, the University of British Columbia and the University of Northern British Columbia. PICS, which was created by a BC government endowment in 2008, is an independent, policy- and technology-neutral, knowledge network focused on climate change mitigation and adaptation solutions.

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