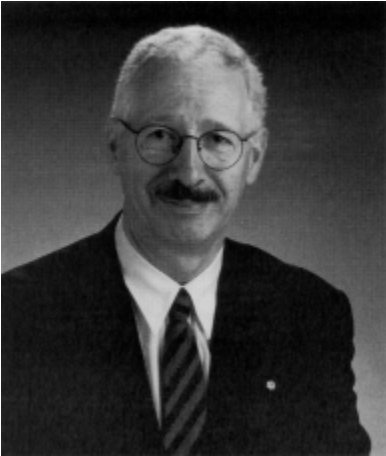


Jean-Pierre Wallot, O.C., O.O.A.L., A.L.Q., D.h.c., MSRC

Past President



Dr. Jean-Pierre Wallot has been named President of the Royal Society of Canada for a two-year term commencing November 1997.

A distinguished historian and educator, he has worked at numerous universities and in the Public Service of Canada where he was National Archivist of Canada until his retirement in June 1997. He is now a visiting professor in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Ottawa.

Born in Salaberry-de-Valleyfield in 1935, Dr. Wallot graduated from the Université de Montréal in 1954. In 1957, he received a licentiate in letters and a master's degree in history from the same university, and, in 1965, his doctorate for a thesis on the history of Lower Canada in the early nineteenth century. As a part-time then full-time journalist between 1954 and 1960, he twice won the annual Shawinigan Prize from the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association for the best feature article of the year.

Since 1961, Dr. Wallot has held positions at the Université de Montréal, the University of Toronto and Concordia University. In addition, Dr. Wallot has given lectures at the Université de Sherbrooke, the Université du Québec à Montréal, Laval University, The University of British Columbia, and the University of Ottawa. He was also an Associate Director of Studies at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales of Paris ten times between 1975 and 1994. From 1966 to 1969, Dr. Wallot was a historian with the National Museum of Man (now of Civilization) in Ottawa. He was a member of the Academic Panel of the Canada Council (1973-1976), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (1983-1984), the Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board (1981-1984) and the Historical Sites and Monuments Board (1985-1992).

Dr. Wallot has also held a number of senior administrative positions, including those of Chairman, Department of History at the Université de Montréal (1973-1975), Vice-Dean Studies (1975-1978) and Vice-Dean Research (1979-1982) in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Vice-President Academic (1982-1985) at the same university. From June 1985 to June 1997, he was National (formerly Dominion) Archivist. Since leaving the National Archives, he has been a visiting professor in the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ottawa.

Dr. Wallot's abilities have been widely recognized nationally and internationally. He was co-director of many initiatives in comparative history of the French and Quebec rural societies, in addition to presenting papers at international colloquia and Congresses. He is a past president of the Institut d'histoire de l'Amérique française (1973-1977); the Association canadienne-française pour l'avancement des sciences (1982-1983) which has named him an emeritus member; the Canadian Historical Association (1982-1983); the Académie des lettres et des sciences humaines of the Royal Society of Canada (1985-1987); the International Council on Archives (1992-1996); and the International Consultative Committee of UNESCO for the program "Memory of the World". He was the founding President of the Canadian Council on Archives (1985). *Dr. Wallot was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1978*, and has been a Fellow of the Académie des lettres du Québec since 1983, and an Officer of the Académie des Arts et des Lettres de la République française since 1987.

His numerous other honours include the Marie Tremaine Medal (1973), awarded by the Bibliographical Society of Canada, the J. B. Tyrrell Historical Medal (1982) and the Centenary Medal (1994) of the Royal Society of Canada, Officer of the Order of Canada

(1991), the Jacques-Ducharme Prize (1997) of the Association des Archivistes du Québec, honorary doctorates from the Université de Rennes 2 (France) in 1987 and from the University of Ottawa (1996). A scholar of the first rank, Dr. Wallot is noted for his work on the economy and society of French Canada between 1760 and 1850. He has written or co-authored ten books including *Un Québec qui bougeait* (1973), *Patronage et pouvoir dans le Bas-Canada (1794-1812)* (with Gilles Paquet, 1973), *Les Imprimés dans le Bas-Canada* (with John Hare, 1967) and, more recently, *Évolution et éclatement du monde rural* (with Joseph Goy, 1986), as well as more than 120 scholarly articles and a large number of papers and conferences. He has also written about modern Quebec.

Dr. Wallot lives in Ottawa. Despite his numerous professional commitments, he finds time to be a proficient band drummer, a collector of fine wines, and an enthusiastic cyclist on the numerous bicycle paths of the National Capital Region.