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**Wilson wins**  
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**world award**

John Tuzo Wilson, former principal of Erindale College, has won the world award for earth sciences.

The Vetlesen Gold Medal which includes a \$50,000 prize was created in 1959 to recognize scientific achievements in other fields.

Wilson, 69-year-old director-general of the Ontario Science Centre, is currently in charge of the hearings into aluminum wiring in Ontario. He won the award for his theories on continental drift.

Instead of the previously accepted theory that the earth's continents remained relatively stable, Wilson and other scientists put forward the theory of plate tectonics, believing the various pieces or plates of the earth's crust are constantly moving and grinding against each other.

Wilson is author of several books and was principal of Erindale College on Mississauga Road from 1967 to 1974.