

2008

Awards at Conference

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A number of awards were made at the *Canadian Parks for Tomorrow: 40th Anniversary Conference*, both to support individuals so that they might travel and participate in the conference, and to recognize outstanding citizen contributions in support of parks and protected areas.

NiCHE: Network in Canadian History and Environment/Nouvelle initiative canadienne en histoire de l'environnement
(<http://niche.uwo.ca/>)

NiCHE was formed in 2004 to promote new ways to support collaboration among Canadian environmental historians, geographers and colleagues in adjacent fields who study nature and humans in Canada's past. NiCHE offers a forum for the field, supports collaboration among scholars, and ensures that this research is shared with policymakers, scientists and the Canadian public.

NiCHE provided travel and registration awards at the conference for work of a historical nature, displaying innovation and contributing meaningfully to conference themes and interests. Three individuals were selected to receive NiCHE Travel Awards; seven individuals were selected to receive NiCHE Registration awards.

Luxton Foundation: The Eleanor Luxton Historical Foundation
(<http://luxtonfoundation.org/>)

The Mission of the Foundation is to preserve and commemorate the "Luxton Legacy" in Banff, Alberta, in part through providing support to education, research and publication and other activities which foster that legacy. In addition to providing assistance to convene a conference feasibility workshop in Banff in early 2006, and providing a copy to each registrant of *Banff, Canada's First National Park* by Eleanor Luxton (2nd ed., 2008), the Luxton Foundation selected 18 representatives of NGOs to receive grants to facilitate participation in the conference on behalf of their organizations; assistance also was provided to student volunteers at the conference and in other ways.

CPAWS: Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
(<http://cpaws.org/>)

The Society (founded in 1963 as the National and Provincial Parks Association of Canada), is a private, educational, non-profit organization incorporated under Federal Charter. The Society promotes the benefits and seeks the protection of Canada's wild ecosystems in parks, wilderness and similar natural areas through awareness, understanding, individual action and working cooperatively with government, First Nations, business and other organizations in a consensus seeking manner wherever possible.

CPAWS presented the J.B. Harkin Conservation Award during the conference. The award honours individuals who have demonstrated a significant contribution throughout

their lifetime through words and deeds to the conservation of Canada's parks and wilderness. The J.B. Harkin Medal has been awarded on 21 occasions, including the 1978 parks conference and 1985 national assembly. **The J.B. Harkin Medal was presented to Bob Peart of British Columbia during the 2008 conference.**