



**CELEBRATION OF 2013 ATLANTIC CANADIAN MANNING INNOVATION AWARDS NOMINEES
WITH KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY OCEAN NUTRITION CANADA CO-FOUNDER ROBERT ORR**

Halifax, NS (Wednesday, April 17, 2013). The 2013 Atlantic Canadian nominees for the 32nd annual National Manning Innovation Awards were announced today at the Atlantic chapter's 2013 Allan Shaw Nominees reception, held at the offices of McInnes Cooper in Halifax. Mr. John T. McLennan, National Trustee of the Manning Innovation Awards, personally recognized Dr. Patricia Lingley-Pottie and Dr. Patrick McGrath for the Strongest Families Institute they co-founded.

Strongest Families Institute is a not-for-profit corporation providing evidence-based services to children and families seeking help for mental health and other issues impacting health and well-being. The Institute's programs are designed to work with families' schedule and eliminate the need to travel, take time off of work/school or interrupt normal routines. They are delivered with the utmost of discretion and privacy, helping to alleviate any worries about the stigma of receiving mental health services.

The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation recognizes innovators from across Canada. There are four annual awards with prize values ranging between \$10,000 for the two Innovation awards, \$25,000 for the Award of Distinction, and \$100,000 for the Principal Award. The Atlantic Chapter of the Manning Awards organizes the annual Allan Shaw Nominees Reception, hosted by McInnes Cooper and co-sponsored by Scotiabank, which celebrates the Atlantic Canadian nominees of the Manning Innovation Awards as they advance to the National round of the Awards competition.

"Manning Atlantic is proud to celebrate our Atlantic Canadian innovators," said David Regan, Chair of the Atlantic Chapter of the Manning Innovation Awards. "The Strongest Families Institute helps Canadian families cope with health issues by offering confidential and guided coaching and assistance to children and their families, where they need it, and when they need it. This is a clear example of providing greater value with fewer resources – something at which Atlantic Canada excels," commented Regan.

Guest speaker for the event was Mr. Robert Orr, co-founder of Slanmhor and co-founder and former chairman of Ocean Nutrition Canada, whose management career spans over 30 years at the senior management level in the nutritional ingredient, marine biotech, food retailing, food wholesaling and retail advertising industries. His career has included the co-founding of Ocean Nutrition Canada, the world's largest ingredient supplier of Omega 3s, which grew from three employees to over 400, with customers in over 40 countries.

In addition to the nominees, several up and coming Atlantic Canadian technology companies were also showcased at the recognition event including: Inversa Systems, Aspin and Kemp, Biomedica Diagnostics, Alentic Microscience, Carbon Cure, and DeCell Technologies. The Atlantic chapter of the Manning Innovation Awards is sponsored by Scotiabank and McInnes Cooper.

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About The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation:

One of Canada's most prestigious annual awards programs, the Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation, established in 1980, has celebrated the achievements of over 250 exceptional individuals with the imagination to innovate and the stamina to succeed. Drawn from diverse communities – technology, industry, science, the trades and social sectors – the men and women who have been recognized have changed the way Canada competes, manufactures, communicates and sets standards for social behaviour. Their impact has been felt across the country and around the world.

The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation has been recognizing and encouraging innovation in Canada since 1982. By means of a nomination, Canadian resident citizens, who have demonstrated recent innovative talent in developing and successfully marketing a new concept, process or procedure, may be eligible for one of these awards: Principal Award (\$100,000), Award of Distinction (\$25,000), Innovation Awards (2 at \$10,000). Learn more about our Award Winners.

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