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The most exciting phrase to hear in science – the one that heralds new discoveries – is not “Eureka!” but “That’s funny ...”

— Isaac Asimov

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Manning Awards Team Up With Top Canadian Science Writers



Preston Manning will be a keynote speaker at the conference.

The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation is teaming up with Canada’s top science writers to present a national science conference in Alberta this summer. With financial sponsorship from EnCana Corporation, the Manning Innovation Awards will be the Lead Conference Partner of this year’s Canadian Science Writers’ Association (CSWA) annual conference and Science in Society Journalism Awards ceremony, to be held in Jasper National Park.

Preston Manning, a trustee of the Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation, will be a keynote speaker at the 34th annual CSWA conference, *Sustainability and Emerging Science: Shaping Our Next Century*, June 17-21, 2005.

The conference will include poster and project presentations by selected winners of the Manning Young Canadian Innovation Awards.

There will also be dedicated display space throughout the conference for some of Canada’s top innovators who’ve received Manning Innovation Awards.

“I’m totally amazed by what Canadians are doing,” says Don Park, Executive Director of the Manning Innovation Awards.

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“They are developing and successfully marketing incredible products and processes, yet so little is publicized of their achievements.

“This conference enables us to showcase the Manning Innovation Award programs to some of the country’s most influential science writers and communicators,” Park says.

EnCana is also sponsoring a presentation by renowned dinosaur paleontologist Philip Currie from the Royal Tyrrell Museum. It will be open to the Jasper community and park visitors.

Calgary-based EnCana last year became the long-term sponsor of the Manning Innovation Awards’ annual \$100,000 Principal Award, starting with the 2004 Awards Program and continuing each year for 10 years.

“Our support of this conference dovetails with our long-term support for the Manning Innovation Awards and the Canada-Wide Science Fair system. It is consistent with EnCana’s

establishment of its industry-related Environmental Research Fund,” says Mary Ann Steen, Manager of the EnCana Community Investment team.

“This gathering of national science writers provides the opportunity to share the story of many innovative Canadians – young and more seasoned – who have made great contributions toward the advancement of science locally and globally.”

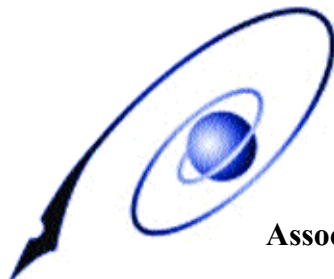
The conference features presentations by Alberta’s leading scientists, in areas that include energy, the environment, medicine, nanotechnology, forests, community health and agriculture.

Prior to the event in Jasper, tours of Edmonton research facilities operated by the Alberta Research Council, Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Alberta Ingenuity and the University of Alberta will be held.

For more information, visit www.sciencewriters.ca



The CSWA is a national, non-profit alliance of professional science communicators in all media. CSWA’s mission is to increase public awareness of science and technology in Canadian culture and to cultivate excellence in Canadian science writing and journalism.



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Edmonton Chapter Shows Its Strength

Congratulations to Chairman Sol Rolinger and his Edmonton Chapter in achieving the highest number of submissions of any region for the 2005 competition. Of the 70 submissions received for this year, 21 were from Alberta, with an impressive 17 from the city of Edmonton and surrounding area. This is testament to the positive influence and value that local Chapters have on the annual competition.

“The belief in the principles of the Manning Innovation Awards and the dedication of the Edmonton Chapter members is exemplified by the great success of 17 nominations coming from the greater Edmonton region,” said Sol Rolinger. “This, I believe, is a manifestation of the spirit and the hard

work, hallmarks of not only the Manning Innovation Awards but of the great innovators from the Northern Alberta region, that made this incredible success story possible this year.”

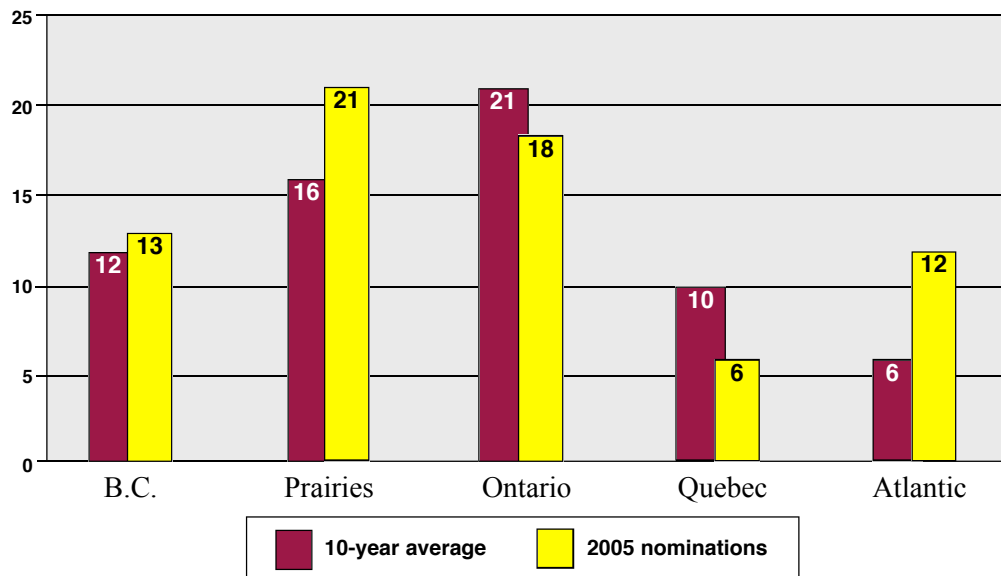
Could this be the start of a winning trend? In 2003, Chairman Allan Shaw and his Chapter achieved a record number of submissions from Atlantic Canada, resulting in four major award recipients from the area. In 2004, Chairman Dr. Jim McEwen and his Vancouver Chapter rallied with the highest number of submissions, and two of the four major winners called B.C. home.

Do hard-working Chapters result in winning nominations? Stay tuned – 2005 winners will be announced in the October issue of *Innovatis*.

What is easy is seldom excellent.

— Samuel Johnson

2005 Nominations Submitted By Region
(with comparative 10-year average figures)



Summer Student Project At Manning Awards



For the seventh consecutive year, SCOTIABANK will sponsor the 2005 Awards Dinner. We appreciate the continued support!

Faizal Ismail, a second-year Industrial Engineering student at the University of Toronto, will join the Foundation for a two-month project beginning May 1. The project will address the question of how best to support the innovative pursuits of today's youth, with special focus on project-based science. Faizal received a summer grant from the Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation (CMSF) to explore an issue in Public Policy with a non-profit organization. He will receive additional support from EnCana Corporation and the Manning Innovation Awards.



Faizal Ismail

Faizal and his project partner Mahvish Jafri were the recipients of a Manning Young Canadian Innovation Award, as well as the EnCana Best of

Fair Award, at the 2002 Canada-Wide Science Fair. Recalling this experience Faizal said, "I was extremely thankful and have always wondered how I could give back to the Foundation and further its mission to stimulate innovation in Canada."

In 2003, Faizal received a CMSF National Award, one of Canada's most prestigious scholarships. The award provides up to \$8,000 per year, plus a tuition stipend for up to four years of full-time undergraduate study at any one of the participating universities as well as summer enrichment funding, mentoring and counselling. It is awarded only after a rigorous process, including a written application and extensive interviews by both the area committee and National Selection Committee.

Awards Ceremonies Head To Winnipeg

The Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg has been chosen as the venue for the 2005 Awards Ceremonies. Scheduled for Friday, September 30, this will be the first time the Foundation has held the awards dinner in Winnipeg.

"Winnipeg has a proud tradition of innovation. We will have an opportunity to celebrate this spirit in conjunction with the Manning Awards Dinner being held in our city this year," said Harry Schulz, Chief Innovation Officer for the Winnipeg Regional

Health Authority and Chairman of the Manitoba Chapter.

The Fort Garry has defined the Winnipeg skyline for over 90 years and is one of the city's most recognizable structures. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway built The Fort Garry in 1911 when it completed the link between its east and west lines.

With the last two Awards Ceremonies held in Halifax and Vancouver respectively, Winnipeg will provide the link to recognizing our nation's most talented innovators.



The Fort Garry Hotel