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HALIFAX NAMED HOST FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS 35TH MANNING AWARDS

Halifax, NS (Oct. 11, 2016) – This year Halifax earns the coveted title of host for the 35th Manning Awards dinner, an event that annually shines a spotlight on Canada’s top innovators. The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation will honour these individuals in Halifax on Thursday, October 20.

Modeled after the Nobel Prize, the Manning Innovation Awards are Canada’s most prestigious, awarding \$175,000 in prize money annually to innovators of all ages. More than 400 leaders from across Canada in government, business and academia, including members of the innovation community, are expected to attend the awards dinner being held at the Cunard Centre.

“We are pleased to celebrate our 2016 winners in the midst of such a dynamic innovative community,” says Foundation President Jennifer Diakiw. “From innovative advancements in mental health care to thermal effusivity sensors to ocean sciences and beyond, Atlantic Canada is a hub of Canadian innovation and is a most fitting place to honour our 2016 award recipients.”

The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation presents prizes annually to outstanding Canadian innovators. Manning Innovation Award winners are selected by a Canada-wide, independent selection committee of established leaders and authorities from various disciplines. The names of this year’s winners will be announced at a news conference in Halifax on October 19.

Honorary chairs of the 2016 awards dinner are Dr. Arthur B. McDonald, CC, 2015 Nobel Prize Laureate in Physics and Mr. John Risley, OC, Founder and CEO of Clearwater Foods. This year’s dinner committee co-chairs are John McLennan, Past Chair, Emera and Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation Trustee with David Regan, SVP, DHX Media, and the Foundation’s Atlantic Chapter Chair. Scotiabank is returning as the dinner sponsor as it has been for the past 35 years.

This year’s winners will be joined by four young Canadian innovators announced in May at the Canada-Wide Science Fair. At least six previous Manning Laureates will be in attendance including the evening’s Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Nancy Mathis, from Fredericton (Executive Director, Wallace McCain Institute) who was the 2003 Principal Award winner. Of the close to 300 innovators the Foundation has celebrated in the past 35 years, 25 call Atlantic Canada home.

The Awards Dinner is the culmination of our Foundation’s year of recognizing, encouraging and honouring Canadian innovators. We celebrate innovators and encourage them to continue their work. In telling their stories, we inspire others to innovate, while fostering a sense of pride in the spirit of Canadian innovation. When you join us, you are helping create a culture of innovation in Canada; in doing this we will empower our nation’s innovation excellence.

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