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TORONTO TO HOST THE PRESTIGIOUS 36TH MANNING INNOVATION AWARDS
Event shines spotlight on Canadian innovators

TORONTO, Nov 21, 2017 / The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation is pleased to announce that the 36th Manning Innovation Awards will be held at Toronto's Scotiabank Centre on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. EST. Presented by Scotiabank, the awards dinner will celebrate the 2017 Manning Laureates with a gathering of Canada's top innovation leaders in the heart of the Toronto-Waterloo corridor.

"We are very grateful for Scotiabank's support," says Foundation President Jennifer Diakiw. "Their passion for innovation has enabled us to recognize, encourage and honour Canadian innovators and share their stories for the past 36 years."

The Manning Innovation Awards have been called Canada's most prestigious, awarding \$145,000 in prize money annually to Canada's top innovators. **Honourary Co-Chairs, Elyse Allan, CM, President and CEO of GE Canada and Michael E. Roach, former President and CEO of CGI** will be joined by more than 240 leaders known for their innovation excellence at this year's event. **CBC Dragon, Arlene Dickinson**, CEO of Venture Communications, District Ventures and Youinc.com will be the emcee for the awards dinner.

"Scotiabank is proud to host and sponsor the 2017 Ernest C. Manning Innovation Awards and celebrate the deserving recipients," says Jason Charlebois, Senior Vice President, Canadian Banking Technology at Scotiabank. "Their outstanding efforts will make an important difference in many lives, not only in Canada, but throughout the world. We hope their leadership will inspire young people to dream big, take chances and reach their infinite potential."

The three-part, Nobel Organization-inspired evaluation and selection process ensures that each year's Manning Laureates are among Canada's top innovators. **The 2017 winners will be available for media interviews at the Innovation Symposium at OCAD U on Thursday, November 30th at 10:30 a.m. EST.**

The Foundation celebrates bright and passionate Canadians whose innovations are commercially viable, support Canada's provincial and national economies, and position Canada globally as an innovation leader. The Manning Innovation Awards innovators are improving the lives of Canadians and people around the world in all areas of human endeavour.

The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation was established in 1980 by Alberta Energy Company CEO David Mitchell. Working with former Alberta premier Ernest C. Manning and others, he built the foundation to recognize and celebrate Canadian innovators of all ages and across all disciplines. The Foundation has built a national network of 3,000 young and adult innovators who are leaders in technology, business, engineering, and social innovation advancement. It has awarded innovation prizes to 273 Canadians who have demonstrated innovative talent in developing and successfully marketing a new concept, process or procedure. For more information visit: www.manningawards.ca.

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