



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Society Notices

Call for Nominations: ESA Awards

The Awards Committee of the Ecological Society of America solicits and encourages nominations from members of the ESA for each of the awards listed below. *ESA especially encourages nominations of candidates from traditionally underrepresented groups, including women and minorities.* In preparing a nomination, it would be helpful to consult with the Chair of the specific award subcommittee or the Awards Committee Chair. More information about the process is available on ESA's web page <<http://www.esa.org>> under ESA Awards.

Nomination schedule

To be given full consideration, nominations for awards should be completed by **30 November 2006**. They should be submitted directly to Chairs of the specific award subcommittees (e-mail addresses below).

Eminent Ecologist Award

The Eminent Ecologist Award is given to a senior ecologist in recognition of an outstanding body of ecological work or of sustained ecological contributions of extraordinary merit. Nominees may be from any country and need not be ESA members. Recipients receive lifetime active membership in the Society. Recent recipients include Richard Root, Sam McNaughton, Lawrence Slobodkin, and Daniel Simberloff. To submit a nomination, contact Paul Dayton, Chair, Eminent Ecologist Award Subcommittee <pdayton@ucsd.edu>.

Odum Education Award

The Eugene P. Odum Award recognizes an ecologist for outstanding work in ecology education. This award was generously endowed by, and named for, the distinguished ecologist Eugene P. Odum. Through teaching, outreach, and mentoring activities, recipients of this award have demonstrated their ability to relate basic ecological principles to human affairs. Nominations recognizing achievements in education at the university, K–12, and public levels are all encouraged. Recent recipients include Richard Root, James Porter, and Claudia Lewis. To submit a nomination, contact Charlene d'Avanzo, Chair, ESA Odum Education Award Subcommittee <cdavanzo@hampshire.edu>.

Honorary Member Award

Honorary Membership in the Society is given to a distinguished ecologist who has made exceptional contributions to ecology and whose principal residence and site of ecological research are outside of North America. Up to three awards may be made in any one year until a total of 20 is reached. Nominations of women and minority candidates, as well as those from developing countries, are especially encouraged. Recent honorees include Madhav Gadgil, Carlos Herrera, Erkki Haukioja, and Suzanne Milton. To submit a nomination, contact Sandra Tartowski, Chair, Honorary Member Award Subcommittee <slt2@cornell.edu>.

George Mercer Award

The Mercer Award is given for an outstanding ecological research paper published by a younger researcher (the lead author must be 40 years of age or younger at the time of publication). If the award is given for a paper with multiple authors, all authors will receive a

plaque, and those 40 years of age or younger at the time of publication will share the monetary prize. The paper must have been published in 2006 or 2007 to be eligible for the 2007 award. Nominees may be from any country and need not be ESA members. Recent recipients include Jean L. Richardson, John Stachowitz, Daniel Bolnick, and Anurag Agrawal. Nominations should be sent to Alan Hastings, Acting Chair, Mercer Award Subcommittee <amhastings@ucdavis.edu>.

W. S. Cooper Award

The W. S. Cooper Award is given to honor an outstanding contributor to the fields of geobotany and/or physiographic ecology, the fields in which W. S. Cooper worked. This award is for a single contribution in a scientific publication (single or multiple authored). Nominees need not be ESA members and can be of any nationality. Recent recipients include Jack Williams and coauthors, Daniel Gavin and coauthors, and Stephen Hubbell. Nominations should be sent to Miles Silman, Chair, Cooper Award Subcommittee <silmanmr@wfu.edu>.

Distinguished Service Citation

The Distinguished Service Citation is given to recognize long and distinguished service to the ESA, to the larger scientific community, and to the larger purpose of ecology in the public welfare. Recent recipients are Jim Reichman, Jim MacMahon, and Margaret Palmer. To submit a nomination, contact Paul Dayton, Chair, Distinguished Service Citation Subcommittee <pdayton@ucsd.edu>.

Sustainability Science Award

The Sustainability Science Award is given to the authors of a scholarly work that makes the greatest contribution to the emerging science of ecosystem and regional sustainability through the integration of eco-

logical and social sciences. One of the most pressing challenges facing humanity is the sustainability of important ecological, social, and cultural processes in the face of changes in the forces that shape ecosystems and regions. This ESA award is for a single scholarly contribution (book, book chapter, or peer-reviewed journal article) published in the last 5 years. Nominees need not be ESA members and can be of any age, nationality, or place of residence. Recent recipients are Marten Scheffer and colleagues, Thomas Dietz and colleagues, and the Millenium Assessment Team. To submit a nomination, please contact Garry Peterson, Chair of the Sustainability Science Award Subcommittee <garry.peterson@mcgill.ca>.

Corporate Award

The Corporate Award is given to recognize a corporation, business, division, program, or an individual of a company for accomplishments in incorporating sound ecological concepts, knowledge, and practices into planning and operating procedures. This award was designed to encourage use of ecological concepts in business and private industry and to enhance communication among ecologists in the private sector. Educational institutions and government agencies are not eligible for this award. Recent recipients of the Corporate Award include Norm Thompson Outfitters, Taylor Guitars, Bon Appétit Management Company, and the Straus Family Dairy.

The award can be made each year in any one of the following six categories:

A) Environmental Education:

Organizations producing educational materials in print, film, video, software, or multimedia formats; conducting workshops or training sessions; or providing other types of educational products or services that are primarily concerned with environmental education.

B) Stewardship of Land Resources:

Organizations concerned with the use of land resources, land-use planning, multiple use of land resources, resource extraction, land development, and related activities.

C) Resource Recycling:

Organizations concerned with the recovery, reclamation, or recycling of natural resources such as wood and paper products, glass, metals, waste water, and related residuals.

D) Amelioration of Risks from Hazardous and Toxic Substances:

Organizations concerned with the safe manufacturing, distribution, and use of hazardous and toxic substances, those concerned with the identification and reduction of risks, as well as those in mitigative and restorative activities.

E) Sustainability of Biological Resources in Terrestrial Environments:

Organizations concerned with forestry, wildlife management, range management, and agroecosystems, including areas such as soil conservation, integrated pest management, fertilization, irrigation, hybridization, and genetic engineering.

F) Sustainability of Biological Resources in Aquatic Environments:

Organizations concerned with aquaculture and commercial fishing, including shellfishing and related industries; sports fishing, boating, and related recreational uses; lake management and restoration; wetlands protection and restoration; channelization; dredging; and related activities.

Nominations for the Corporate award may be made by industrial representatives, government officials, the general public, ESA members, or by members of the ESA Corporate Award Subcommittee. To submit a nomination or to obtain more information about the nomination procedure, please contact:

Laura Huenneke, Corporate Award Subcommittee
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