



CASC 2007 National Award Winners

At the 5th annual awards gala on June 9th 2007, the Canadian Association of Science Centres (CASC) recognized outstanding achievements by members – Congratulations! Award winners receive a physical award piece and a widely circulated press release. Individual winners receive honorary lifetime membership with the CASC. Don't forget to nominate your favorite exhibit or colleague for the 2008 awards! Look for the invitation to nominate beginning in January 2008. Nominations will close in March 2008. Watch www.canadiansciencecentres.ca/awards.htm for more information.

Best ONSITE Program 2007: This award is given annually to a CASC full member organisation for the best educational or interpretive program.

WINNER!

The Fort George
Explorers After-School
Care Program
The Exploration Place
Prince George, BC



Scott Langen, CASC President, Lisa Haglund, The Exploration Place, Donna Pahl, TELUS (Award presenter)

After-school childcare is a growing area of expertise for science centres. This program, for children ages six through twelve features a well-rounded structure with a foundation grounded in enriching, hands-on experiences.

Best OUTREACH Program 2007: The award for Best Outreach program is given annually for the best outreach program produced or delivered in at least three (3) locations offsite from the CASC Full member's facility or head office, in a setting other than a science centre or museum.

WINNER!
The Watershed
Legacy Outreach
Program
Oak Hammock
Marsh Interpretive
Centre,
Winnipeg,
Manitoba.



Scott Langen, CASC President, Robert Laidler, Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre, Cindy Boucher, NSERC (Award presenter)



The “Watershed Legacy” outreach project reached more than 100 communities in 3 Canadian provinces including underserved rural and remote areas. The program includes water quality monitoring and the development of an interactive GIS web-based map. The overall goal of the project was to initiate community involvement and awareness of the need for a clean and healthy watershed, for people and wildlife.

Best EXHIBIT OR SHOW 2007: This award will be given annually to a CASC full member organisation for the best permanent, temporary or travelling exhibition, or multimedia, live presentation or planetarium show.

WINNER!
Weston Family
Innovation Centre
Ontario Science
Centre
Toronto, ON



Scott Langen, CASC President, Kevin Von Appen and Vishnu Ramcharan, Ontario Science Centre, Dr. Kevin Keough, Alberta Medical Heritage Foundation (Award Presenter)

The Weston Family Innovation Centre has transformed the Ontario Science Centre's approach to engaging visitors. Designed with youth and young adults in mind, the Centre's experiences stimulate visitors to think differently about themselves and the world and foster the attitudes, skills and behaviours we need to address 21st century challenges.

2007 Outstanding Achievement in “ Making a Difference”

Awarded to an individual engaged directly in program or exhibit delivery, who has made a significant difference to their colleagues and their public visitors. The nominee can be an employee or a volunteer of a CASC member organisation.

WINNER!

Sally Camus,
Director of Exhibits and Facilities,
Discovery Centre



Sally is currently Director of Exhibits and Facilities at Discovery Centre. With her extensive design experience, her business savvy and her knowledge of the educational system, Sally has brought Discovery Centre's exhibits department to a new and current level of efficiency and effectiveness. She was the acting Executive Director of the Discovery Centre for 6 months in the fall-winter 2006-07. Sally's teamwork, professionalism, humour, strength and, integrity are highly valued by her colleagues at the Discovery Centre. Her creative spirit, pride in her work and determination to provide visitors with a memorable and quality experience have made her a star amongst her staff and indeed, her colleagues across the science centre community.

2007 Outstanding Career Achievement

Awarded to an individual that has made major long-term contributions to the Canadian science centre/museum community.

WINNER!

Jim Marchbank,
Chief Executive Officer,
Science North



Jim Marchbank has held senior management positions at Science North since 1982 and has been the CEO since 1987. Under his direction Science North has grown to be the largest tourist attraction in Northern Ontario. He was co-executive producer of the large format film *Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees* released in May 2002. A former President of the Giant Screen Theater Association (GSTA) and former Board member of the Association of Science and Technology Centres, he is currently a member of the Organizing Committee for the 2008 World Congress of Science Centres. He was President of the Canadian Association of Science Centres (CASC) 2001-2003 and 2005-2007. Jim has served on several community Boards and as alderman for the city of Sudbury. In October 2006, Jim was awarded with an Honourary Doctorate degree by Sudbury's Thorneloe University in recognition of service to his community.

Congratulations Everyone!