

CASCA -- Annual report for Award Committee, 2006-2007.

Committee Members:

John Landstreet (Chair)	(2004-07)	University of Western Ontario
Hugo Martel	(2006-09)	Universite Laval
Luc Simard	(2006-09)	HIA / NRC
Howard Yee	(2004-07)	University of Toronto

1) Petrie Prize Lecturer.

The committee received 4 nominations for the Petrie Prize. The Prize was offered to Dr. Ewine van Dieshoek, nominated by Christine Wilson of MacMaster, who accepted.

2) Plaskett Medal.

The following rules were adopted for the selection of the Plaskett Medal:

- a) There is a limit of one candidate per institution.
- b) With N candidates, each committee member has a total of N points to give out to the candidates, with a maximum of 3 points per candidate.
- c) In case of an institutional conflict between a candidate and a committee member, that committee member cannot give points to this particular candidate, and has N-1 points to distribute among the other candidates.
- d) The final score of a candidate with a conflict will be multiplied by 4/3, to correct for the fact that this candidate can receive points from only 3 of the 4 committee members.

The current Chair (Hugo Martel) proposes to add the following rule:

- e) The number of points given to candidates has to be integer (0, 1, 2, or 3; no fractions). This will reduce the likelihood of near-ties.

The committee received 8 nominations: 3 from Qu \sqrt @bec (Montr \sqrt @al, Laval, McGill), 2 from Ontario (Toronto, McMaster), 2 from British Columbia (UBC, Victoria), and 1 from Alberta (U. of Alberta). The Prize was awarded to Dr. Frederic Grandmont, of Universite Laval. Dr. Grandmont worked under the supervision

of Professor Laurent Drissen. The title of his PhD. Thesis was:

"Developpement d'un spectrometre imageur e transforme de
Fourier pour l'astronomie"

3) Other Matters:

John Landstreet and Howard Yee have completed their tour of duty
on this committee. We are currently seeking two new members.

Dr. Hugo Martel
Universite Laval
Chair