

CASCA - Annual report for Awards Committee, October 2011.

Committee membership, as of October 2011, consists of:

Patrick Coté, chair (2010-13) HIA/NRC
Michael Balogh (2010-13) Waterloo University
Pierre Bergeron (2009-12) Université de Montréal
Ken Ragan (2009-12) McGill University
Samar Safi-Harb (2011-14) University of Manitoba
Ian Short (2010-13) St Mary's University
Ethan Vishniac (2010-13) McMaster University
Jasper Wall (2010-13) UBC

During the past year, Patrick Cote was appointed chair of the committee, after the term of the previous chair (K. Venn) ended. S. Safi-Harb joined the committee in mid 2011. The terms of P. Bergeron and K. Ragan will end in 2012.

During the past year, the Petri Prize was awarded to Andrew Fabian (Cambridge) who accepted his award at the CASCA meeting in London and delivered a lecture entitled "Within One Gravitational Radius of the Event Horizon of a Black Hole".

The J.S. Plaskett Medal was awarded to Kaitlin Kratter (currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics) for her doctoral thesis at the University of Toronto. Dr. Kratter attended the 2011 CASCA meeting and gave a talk entitled "The Role of Disks in the Formation of Stellar Systems".

The 2011 Peter Martin award was awarded to Roberto Abraham (University of Toronto), who gave a talk entitled "Some Thoughts on Galaxies and Graduate Students".

The committee shall meet in the coming months to decide on our recommendations for recipients of the 2012 awards. Note that the policies for the submission of the Plaskett Medal packages have been changed such that submissions must now be done electronically. It was agreed by the 2011 committee that this change will both improve and expedite the selection process.

Patrick Cote (HIA/NRC)