

CASCA -- Annual report for Award Committee, 2007-2008.

Committee Members:

Hugo Martel (Chair)	(2006-09) Université Laval
Luc Simard	(2006-09) HIA / NRC
Gretchen Harris	(2007-10) University of Waterloo
Kim Venn	(2007-10) University of Victoria

1) Beals Award.

The committee received 3 nominations for the Beals Award. The Prize was offered to Dr. Raymond Carlberg, of the University of Toronto, 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 committee received 4 nominations, from UBC, University of Toronto, McGill University, and Université de Montréal. Laval, McGill), 2 from Ontario (Toronto, McMaster), 2 from The Prize was awarded to Dr. Adam Muzzin, of University of Toronto. Dr. Muzzin worked under the supervision of Professor Howard Yee. The title of his PhD. Thesis was:

"An Infrared Study of Distant Galaxy Clusters"

3) Other Matters:

The Chair recommends changes to the instructions appearing on the CASCA web site, for applications to prizes. The mailing addresses of all four committee members should appear on the web site, and the instructions should CLEARLY state that application material must be sent separately to all four members by the applicant. This year, an applicant for the Plaskett medal would send four copies of the thesis to the Chair, using Purolator, and then the Chair would put three of these copies in separate boxes and send them by Purolator to the other committee members. This is highly inefficient.

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Chair