

CASCADE Awards Distributed at Vancouver Aquarium

Seven awards were distributed to recognize Best Programs, Exhibits, Shows and Individual Achievement

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, May 7, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Canadian Association of Science Centres ([CASC](#)) wrapped up the 14th Annual Conference with the CASCADE Awards on Saturday, May 7. The CASCADES recognize outstanding achievement by both individuals and organizations Canada-wide.



We couldn't be more pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of Canada's Science Centres and Science Centre professionals. It is an incredible way to end our annual conference.

*Stephanie Deschenes,
Executive Director*

Individual Awards

Individual awards are selected by the CASC Board of Directors based on nominations received by the deadline date.

Bryan Tisdall, President & CEO of Science World British Columbia, located in Vancouver BC, received the Outstanding Career Achievement Award for his significant contributions to

the [Science Centre](#) industry over the past 20 years.

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George Jacob, President and CEO of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, located in Grande Prairie, AB, received the Outstanding Project or Program Leadership Award for the construction and launch of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum in 2015.

For information, contact: George Jacob, 780-832-1138, president@dinomuseum.ca

John Dedes, CEO of Entomica, located in Sault Ste. Marie, ON, received the "Making a Difference" Award for turning his passion for insects into an insectarium-like Science Centre.

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Institutional Awards

Institutional Awards are selected by an independent awards jury based on a review of nominations received by the deadline date.

"Science for Seniors" at Entomica was awarded Best Program – Small Institution for engaging senior citizens with hands-on interactions with spectacular insects from all over the world. Other nominees in this category are London Children's Museum's "In-Class Outdoor Education Program", and Churchill Northern Studies Centre's "Marine Education Program."

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“Future Science Leaders” program at Science World British Columbia was awarded Best Program – Large Institution for helping students further develop the talent, drive and discipline needed to excel in science and technology. Other nominees in this category are Ontario Science Centre’s “Adopt a Class” and Vancouver Aquarium and Marine Science Centre’s “AquaVan”.

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“Building Connections”, a new permanent exhibition at the Saskatchewan Science Centre, was awarded Best Exhibit or Show – Small Institution for bringing together three themes: designing a complete community, building a house and powering a province.

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“Ken Spencer Science Park”, a new outdoor space at Science World British Columbia was awarded Best Exhibit or Show – Large Institution for connecting visitors to the local environment while exploring how their choices impact the natural world. Other nominees in this category are Montreal Science Centre’s “Fabrik – Creativity Factory”, Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum – “From Paleo to Petroleum”, Science North “Dynamic Earth Underground Tour”, TELUS World of Science Edmonton “Dinosaurs Unearthed”.

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The CASCADE Awards program is part of the final gala evening to culminate the two-day conference for Science Centre professionals. Other events in the program included keynote speakers Dr. Mario Pinto (NSERC) and Dr. Richard Louv, several sessions designed to provide professional development opportunities to staff and volunteers that make up the workforce of Canada’s Science Centres. The conference provides an incredible opportunity for Science Centres to share best-practices, develop partnerships and learn from each other.

The 15th Annual CASC Conference will take place at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto May 4 – 6, 2017.

About the Canadian Association of Science Centres

The Canadian Association of Science Centres’ mission is to: “build capacity for its members to inspire a creative and prosperous Canada through science and technology engagement.” The Canadian Association of Science Centres (CASC) represents 45 Canadian Science Centres, Museums, Aquariums and Planetariums. The workforce across our membership represents more than 2,000 science communicators and support staff and more than 10,000 volunteers.

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