

NOTICE

Foundation Awards Committee: 'Best Paper' Prize(s) for 1988

Loyal readers of *Environmental Conservation* will no doubt recall that, in an Editorial Notice published in 1985 (on page 292 of Volume 12, No. 4), it was announced that the Foundation for Environmental Conservation hoped to institute a yearly Foundation Prize of not less than 1,000 Swiss francs [the then approximate equivalent of US \$500 but considerably more now] for the best paper or other contribution published either in the preceding year's volume of the Journal or as a Chapter or Section of a book in either of its sponsored series. The confidential Foundation Awards Committee was asked to bear in mind the following as guidelines in making their selections: (a) most significant advance, (b) greatest potential influence for environmental good, and (c) quality of presentation.

The outcome of the 1986 competition was announced in *Environmental Conservation* (Volume 14, No. 1, p. 14, Spring 1987), as was that of the 1987 competition—but more than a year later (Volume 15, No. 2, p. 116, 1988) owing to the need for much cogitation and reflection on the part of the Committee. For 1988 the wealth of excellent papers in Volume 15 of the Journal, on practically all aspects of environmental conservation, made the Committee's task, though again pleasurable, even more difficult than before.

With the agreement of the Foundation, and through its generosity in again adding to the announced minimum value of the prize, it has been decided that, bearing in mind the above guidelines (a)—(c), the 1988 prize should be shared equally between Dr Antony C. Stevenson, Mr Jamie Skinner, Dr G. Edward Hollis & Mr Michael Smart, for their paper entitled 'The El Kala National Park and Environs, Algeria: An Ecological Evaluation' (*Environmental Conservation*, 15(4), pp. 335–348, with 2 maps and 3 tables), Drs John R. Vallentyne & Alfred M. Beeton for their paper entitled 'The 'Ecosystem' Approach to Managing Human Uses and Abuses of Natural Resources in the Great Lakes Basin' (*idem*, 15(1), pp. 58–62, with 1 figure), and Professor John L. Cloudsley-Thompson for his paper entitled 'Desertification or Sustainable Yields from Arid Environments' (*idem*, 15(3), pp. 197–204, with 7 figures).

The Committee is again pleased to note that the Journal offers papers of a truly high standard and accomplishes its stated objectives with admirable success. Indeed, with its additional 5 regular sections, *Environmental Conservation* seems to us clearly the leading Journal in its field.

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