

NORTHERN NEWS

New Appointments to the Order of Canada

The Institute congratulates AINA Fellow R. Michael Eaton and former Executive Director Michael P. Robinson, who were recently appointed Members of the Order of Canada. Governor General Adrienne Clarkson announced 74 new appointments to the Order of Canada on February 8 and will invite all recipients to accept their insignia at a ceremony in Ottawa.

Michael Eaton is an emeritus scientist with the Canadian Hydrographic Service in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Mr. Eaton is renowned for his development of electronic marine charts, which are now common navigational tools.

Mike Robinson was AINA's executive director from 1986 to 1999 and currently is the president and chief executive officer of Calgary's Glenbow Museum. Mr. Robinson's appointment recognizes his career-long efforts to build partnerships between Native people and industry to facilitate environmentally responsible development of Canada's natural resources.

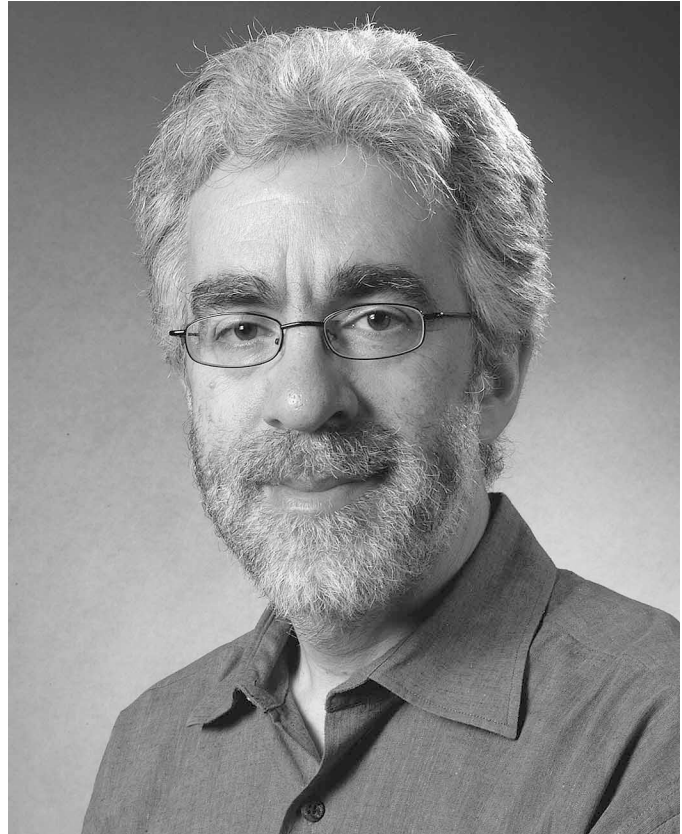
AINA Fellow Awarded Herzberg Medal

AINA life member and Fellow Dr. John Smol was awarded Canada's top science prize by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). A finalist for the Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering in 2003, Dr. Smol was awarded the 2004 medal in a ceremony held at the National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, in early December. The award is given in honour of the late Dr. Gerhard Herzberg, Canada's 1971 Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry. The medal comes with \$1 million in research funding from NSERC over the next five years. Dr. Smol received the medal in recognition of his pioneering work in paleolimnology and the study of ancient lake sediments.

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New Acting ED for AINA

Dr. Mark O. Dickerson has taken over as acting executive director of the Arctic Institute to allow Ross Goodwin to return to his work on the Arctic Science and Technology Information System (ASTIS). This is Dr. Dickerson's second stint as acting executive director, as he filled the position for several months in 2000. Staff members are very pleased to have Dr. Dickerson with us once again. We are also extremely grateful for Ross's hard work and dedication during his eight months in the position. Given his heavy workload with ASTIS, Ross did an amazing job in juggling the demands of two positions at the same time.



Dr. Benoît Beauchamp

New Executive Director for AINA

The Arctic Institute is pleased to announce the hiring of a new executive director! Dr. Benoît Beauchamp, currently a research scientist with the Geological Survey of Canada (Calgary), will take on the position of AINA Executive Director as of 1 April 2005. Dr. Beauchamp pursued his undergraduate studies at Université Laval and at Université de Montréal, where he also completed a Master's degree in Geology. After earning a doctorate from the University of Calgary (Department of Geology and Geophysics) in 1987, he began working for the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC) and in 1999 became head of the Arctic Islands Section, Regional Geoscience Subdivision. He also currently holds adjunct professorships at the University of Calgary and at Queen's University in Kingston. Dr. Beauchamp brings a wealth of expertise and experience in the North to his new position, and we look forward to a dynamic future for the Institute under his direction.