

DISTINGUISHED MOOSE BIOLOGIST

An award was established by the North American Moose Conference and Workshop in 1981 to honor, and bring to the public's attention, the outstanding contribution of particular individuals or organizations to moose management. Nominations are made to the Distinguished Moose Biologist Committee by anyone. The Committee passes on the suitability of nominees, and, if an award is appropriate, it is presented at the next Conference/Workshop.

In 1988, the Distinguished Moose Biologist Award was presented to **Dr. Vince F. J. Crichton** and **Dr. R. Michel Crête**.

Vince's career spans 16 years with Manitoba Wildlife. His contributions include organizing two Conferences (11th and 24th), Management Session Chairman, 2nd International Symposium, numerous published papers, promoting moose hunter education and demonstrating leadership at both the management and research levels.

Michel's career also spans more than 15 years with the Quebec Wildlife Branch. He has published extensively on moose in a wide variety of journals including *ALCES*. He organized the 20th Conference and has been extremely active in range/habitat and population dynamics related research. In 1988 Michel assumed new duties associated with managing and researching Quebec caribou populations. "Bon Voyage, Michel, merci pour les contributions!"

Past recipients of the Distinguished Moose Biologist Award are:

- 1987 **W.C. Bill Gasaway**, Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game, Fairbanks, A.K.
 - 1986 **H. R. (Tim) Timmermann**, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Thunder Bay, Ontario
 - 1985 **Ralph Ritcey**, Fish and Wildlife Branch, Kamloops, B.C.
 - 1984 **Edmund Telfer**, Canadian Wildlife Service, Edmonton, Alberta
 - 1983 **Dr. Alfred W. Franzmann**, Alaska Division of Fish and Game, Soldatna, Alaska
 - 1982 **Dr. A. (Tony) Bubenik**, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Maple, Ontario
 - 1981 **Patrick D. Karns**, Minnesota Division of Fish and Wildlife, Grand Rapids, Minnesota
- and
- Al Elsey**, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Thunder Bay, Ontario

In 1974, prior to the establishment of the Distinguished Moose Biologist Award, the group recognized the pioneering moose research of the late **Laurits (Larry) Krafting**, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with an individual award.