## **NOTICE**

## Confidential Awards Committee: 'Best Paper' Prize(s) for 1992

Loyal readers of *Environmental Conservation* will no doubt recall that, in an Editorial Notice published in 1985 (on page 292 of Volume 12, Nr 4), it was announced that the Foundation for Environmental Conservation hoped to institute a yearly 'Best Paper' 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 this its Journal or as a Chapter or Section of a book in either of its sponsored series or its Conference Proceedings. 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.

For 1992 the wealth of papers of quality in Volume 19 of the Journal, on nearly all aspects of environmental conservation, made the Committee's task, though again pleasurable, exceedingly difficult.

With the agreement of the Foundation, and through its generosity in again adding most substantially to the announced minimum overall value of the prize, it has been decided that, bearing in mind the above guidelines (a)—(c), the 1992 prize should be shared equally between: Dr Colin Clark for his paper entitled 'Empirical Evidence for the Effect of Tropical Deforestation on Climatic Change' (*Environmental Conservation*, **19**(1), pp. 39–47, with 12 figures and 4 tables); Bruce C. Forbes for his paper entitled 'Tundra Disturbance Studies, I: Long-term Effects of Vehicles on Species Richness and Biomass' (*Environmental Conservation*, **19**(1), pp. 48–58, with 6 figures and 2 tables); Professor Herbert H. T. Prins for his paper entitled 'The Pastoral Road to Extinction: Competition Between Wildlife and Traditional Pastoralism in East Africa' (*Environmental Conservation*, **19**(2), pp. 117–23, with a figure and 4 tables); and Dr Antoinette M. Mannion for her paper entitled 'Sustainable Development and Biotechnology' (*Environmental Conservation*, **19**(4), pp. 297–306, with 2 figures and 5 tables).

The Committee is again pleased to record its unanimous opinion that the Journal publishes papers of an exceptionally 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 wide and vital alliance of fields.

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