

NOTICE

Confidential Awards Committee: 'Best Paper' Prize(s) for 1994

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 Foundation Prize of not less than 1,000 Swiss francs [the then approximate equivalent of US \$500 but substantially 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 one of its sponsored series.* The Prize having been established soon after that announcement, has been awarded annually ever since — usually divided 3- or 4-ways, and always as recommended by the Foundation's confidential Awards Committee and nowadays accompanied by a signed certificate which is sent with his or her cheque to each Author or co-Author of a chosen paper. On making their selection(s) the Awards Committee is asked to bear in mind the following as guidelines: (a) most significant advance, (b) greatest potential influence for environmental good, and (c) quality of presentation.

For 1994 the abundance of truly excellent papers in Volume 21 of the Journal, on practically all aspects of environmental conservation, made the Committee's task, though pleasing, the most difficult in recent years.

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 1994 prize should be shared equally between: Joanna C. Durbin & Jonny A. Ralambo for their paper entitled 'The Role of Local People in the Successful Management of Protected Areas in Madagascar' (*Environmental Conservation*, 21(2), pp. 115–20, with 2 figures); Dr Deborah D. Paulson for her paper entitled 'Understanding Tropical Deforestation: the Case of Western Samoa' (*Environmental Conservation*, 21(4), pp. 326–32, with 5 figures); Gopi Upreti for his paper entitled 'Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development Require a New Development Approach' (*Environmental Conservation*, 21(1), pp. 18–29); and Drs E. Barton Worthington & Rosemary Lowe-McConnell for their paper entitled 'African Lakes Reviewed: Creation and Destruction of Biodiversity' (*Environmental Conservation*, 21(3), pp. 199–213, with 3 figures and a table).

The Committee is delighted to note that the Journal offers papers of an exceptionally high standard and achieves its stated objectives with continued success. The Journal is indeed the leader in the field.

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* Here we feel remiss at not having sent to members of the Awards Committee, for due consideration with the 1994 volume of our Journal, copies of the Limited Geneva Edition of our *Population and Global Security*, published last year as Environmental Challenges II and noted on page 2 of our preceding issue. Fortunately (the copyright being retained by the Foundation and, through editorship, also again its publication) an updated (post-Cairo International Conference on Population and Development) World Edition is to be published by the Cambridge University Press, whereupon Authors of the 14 chapters (including the 12 of the Limited Edition) will have a proper chance of our 'Best Paper' Prize. — Ed.