



Foundation News

Update: 2008 Grants Competition

CFCAS is currently coordinating the peer review of proposals submitted to its 2008 competition. Competition results will be announced in July 2008.

By the numbers:

Applications: 72 projects, 9 network supplements

Total funding requested: \$13.4 M

Amount available: \$5.5 M

CFCAS holds communications training session at CMOS* Congress

Communication of results is an essential element in the research enterprise: publicly funded scientists have a responsibility to get their results known – and do, in scientific fora. Step outside that context and it can be a minefield. CFCAS is holding a special session to review effective messaging, interview techniques and presentations, and other popular science communications issues.

* Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society

WHEN: Thursday, May 29, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Vaseaux Room, Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort and Conference Centre, Kelowna, B.C.

Book releases

CFCAS congratulates three researchers for their public interest books on science: September 2008 will see the release of Andrew Weaver's book *Keeping our Cool: Canada in a Warming World*. Gordon Shepherd's book *Canada's Fifty Years in Space: The COSPAR Anniversary* was recently published; and Justin Gilligan, manager for the CFCAS-funded network on Storm Studies in the Arctic (STAR), will soon see the publication of a book based on his PhD research. The book, tentatively entitled *Changing Landscapes, Changing Livelihoods*, examines how environmental and climate changes in northern Manitoba affect hunters, trappers and fishermen.

CFCAS front and centre

The Foundation continues to promote sustained support for climate, atmospheric and oceanic sciences. In April, it submitted a brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology; in February, it tendered a brief to the Senate Standing Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology, on the federal S&T strategy. Early in the year, it also sent a document to the Minister of Finance, proposing continued support for climate and atmospheric sciences. Finally, CFCAS has informed all Members of Parliament of its financial situation. For all briefs: www.cfcas.org.

NEW CFCAS videos available

The Foundation has highlighted research it has funded on air quality and polar research, in two short videos. Copies of "The Air We Breathe" and "Poles in Peril" are available from CFCAS at the address below.



News from Partners

WCRP announces new director

The World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) has a new Director: Dr. Ghassem Asrar, who took up his duties as Director of the WCRP Joint Planning Staff in mid-March, 2008.

IAMAS/IAPSO/IACS joint assembly 2009

The International Association of Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences (IAMAS), the International Association for the Physical Sciences of the Oceans (IAPSO) and the International Association of Cryospheric Sciences (IACS) will hold a Joint Assembly in Montreal in July, 2009. www.iamas-iapso-iacs-2009-montreal.ca.