



A.D. LATORNELL CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM

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Nottawasaga Inn, Alliston, ON

A.D. Latornell Award of Merit



Each year, the Ontario Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) presents the A.D. Latornell Award of Merit to a Practitioner and a Student who exemplify ways to foster the science and art of soil, water and related natural resources in order to achieve sustainability by promoting and practicing an ethic which recognizes the interdependence between people and their environment.

Winners of this award receive a full year membership to SWCS, a cash award of \$600 and one day sponsorship to the A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium.

This year's successful candidates include:

Student Category

Ms. Sonja Teichert, Ph.D., *Candidate, Biology, University of Western Ontario*

Sonja gained her Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology from the University of Western in 1994 and subsequently received her Masters of Science from Acadia University in 2008. This has led Sonja to go on further in her studies and is currently enrolled in the University of Western Ontario's Environmental and Sustainability Collaborative doctorate programme. This enrichment programme has allowed Sonja to undertake research in a multitude of soil and water conservation matters. She is currently focusing her work on Community Based Monitoring (CBM) in freshwater ecosystems. Her interest in this field has been developed over the past several years and her working experience with CBM projects and stewardship activities managed by various Conservation Authorities throughout the Province. Sonja's ultimate goal is to contribute to Canada's on-going conservation work through the role as a professor and/or working with non-profit/non-government groups.

Mr. William Trenouth, B.Sc., *Environmental Sciences, University of Guelph*

William completed his undergraduate degree in 2008 at the University of Guelph gaining a B. Sc. in Environmental Sciences. At present "Bill" is enrolled in the Master of Applied Science (Engineering) programme completing his second year. In growing up in rural south-western Ontario his early education identified the importance in natural soil fertility and water quantity/quality processes. His youth centered on protection and restoration, carrying through to his formal education at the University and his volunteer activities. He has worked closely with the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority on the rehabilitation and review of drainage works and as an interpreter for species at risk with the Ministry of Natural Resources. He has chaired environmental symposiums; conducted sediment and erosion control workshops, undertaken field research for IAGLR and is currently Secretary of the A.D. Latornell Committee. His goal is to apply his educational tools and experience to development and implement effective soil and water conservation and protection measures.

Non-Student Category

Harold O. Schroeter, Ph.D., P. Eng., *(Simcoe, Ontario)*

Dr. Schroeter is currently self-employed and President of Schroeter & Associates, a water resources consulting and natural science based research firm. Harold has been in this position for over twenty years. His efforts to study, analyze and improve the environment has been recognized this year by SWCS, Ontario Chapter and rewarded with the A.D. Latornell Award of Merit in the non-student category. Harold received his Bachelor of Applied Science Degree from the University of Waterloo in 1981 and his Masters Degree in 1983 from Queens University.

From there he undertook and received his Doctorate from the University of Guelph in 1989. As an environmental professional for 30 years his passion for scientific knowledge and innovation have led Dr. Schroeter to develop numerous tools and models to assist in understanding many natural earth science processes. He is well known for his love of teaching and he brings his enthusiasm for the environment and sciences into the classroom for young environmentalists.

Dr. Schroeter's professional record is captured in various earth science related projects, initiatives and teaching programmes which involve lectures, hands-on-exercises, watershed tours, interactive coaching and technical support. His zest for the environment and teaching is infused with a passion for people and his unselfish dedication to working side-by-side with soil and water conservation-minded partners. The SWCS Committee congratulates Dr. Schroeter on his outstanding career and looks for Harold to successfully continue his efforts based on his guiding principle, "Did we achieve balance between community and environmental needs?"