

## 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 a particular individual, individuals and/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 1990, the Distinguished Moose Biologist Award was presented to **Dr. Rolf Peterson**, Michigan Technological University, Houghton.

Dr. Rick Page on accepting the award on Dr. Peterson's behalf, had the following to say:

*"I am very grateful to have the opportunity to accept this award on behalf of Rolf Peterson. As one of Rolf's doctoral students, I have benefitted from the legacy of Isle Royale research passed on to Rolf from Durward Allen and that continues to this day. The Isle Royale Wolf/Moose research Program is an example for all the world, to see how successful long-term ecological research can be.*

*Rolf Peterson has always held many interests that have been recognized with a series of awards, from his winning of a national contest for automotive design in high school, to the monograph of the year award from the Wildlife Society for "Wolf ecology and prey relationships on Isle Royale" in 1979 and the Conservationist Award from the Gulf Corporation. These interests have helped Rolf to pass on to his students an appreciation and respect for the natural world.*

*No group has benefitted from Rolf's dedication as much as the moose re-*

*searchers and managers of North America. Rolf's pioneering research into the mixed roles of predation, food and weather in the population dynamics of moose has resulted in a series of publications that are standards in the toolkits of any moose manager. He is, of course, still a young man and will continue to contribute to many more decades of North American Moose Workshops. It is very fitting that the delegates to this workshop have chosen Dr. Rolf Peterson as a Distinguished Moose Biologist, and I humbly accept this honour for him."*

Past recipients of the Distinguished Moose Biologist Award are:

- 1989 **Warren B. Ballard**, Alaska  
Dept. of Fish and Game,  
Nome, Alaska.
- 1988 **Dr. Vince F.J. Crichton**,  
Manitoba Dept. of Natural  
Resources, Winnipeg Manitoba  
and  
**Dr. Michel Crête**, Ministère  
du Loisir, de la Chasse et de la  
Pêche, Service de la faune  
terrestre Quebec, Que.
- 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**, On-  
tario Ministry of Natural Re-  
sources, 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 pio-  
neering moose research of the late **Lau-  
rits (Larry) Krafting**, U. S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service, with an individual  
award.



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*In recognition for outstanding contribution  
to the field of -Moose management;*

Dr. Rolf O. Peterson

*Is hereby awarded the title of*

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at the 26 th

North American Moose Conference and Workshop

at; Ft. Qu'Appelle, Sask. date; April 26, 1990