

AFTER HOURS



Don Pether, trustee, Manning Foundation, former chair, Dofasco Inc. with 2011 recipient of the Manning Innovation Award Mark Morin of Restoule, Ont., for his Vortex "mud flaps".

MANNING AWARDS

247 honourees and counting

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The 20th anniversary gala for the Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation was a sold-out success.

The Manning Awards, this year held at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton, are recognized as one of Canada's most important awards for Canadians with the imagination to innovate and the stamina to succeed.

The awards foundation has now honoured 247 Canadians and recognized more than 2,500 nominees since it began 30 years ago. Manning Award winners are selected by a distinguished independent body recruited from across Canada from academic and professional backgrounds with support by experts in fields as diverse as genetics, aviation, environmental technologies, medicine, engineering, industrial processes and social entrepreneurship.

"Great ideas can come from an outstanding university research lab or a basement hobby room," said foundation president **David B. Mitchell**. "New ideas are being created by Canadians all over the country at any age or walk of life. They are heroes, they inspire us and deserve our attention and support."

This year's winners shared \$161,000 in prize money. The foundation's \$100,000 Encana Principal Award went to **Dr. Philip Hill** of Westport Innovations in Vancouver. Dr. Hill's revolutionary technology allows diesel engines to run on clean-burning natural gas, or methane which means 21% to 27% less emissions of greenhouse gases.

Guests included **Senator Pamela Wallin**, who was a most engaging emcee and gala chair; **John Read**, chair, Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation and retired chair of Coll Engineering and his wife, Sandy; **Chris Bruce**, vice-president, Scotiabank, gala sponsor and his wife, Michelle Pollard; **Suzanne Fortier**, president, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada; **Gary Svoboda**, president, Adventus Research and Waterloo chapter chair of the foundation; **John McLennan**, Mahone Bay, N.S., chairman Emera Inc. and foundation trustee; Manning Awards Quebec chapter chair **Pierre Bourassa**, Montreal; Manning Award selection committee members **Michel David**, Quebec City; **Dr. Francis LeBlanc**, professor emeritus Clinical Neurosciences University of Calgary and his wife, Marilyn; **Dr. Janet Ronsky**, University of Calgary and her husband, Daryl; **Don Duval**, VP, MaRS Discovery District Toronto and chair of the Toronto Chapter of the Manning Awards; **Dr. Robin Winsor**, Calgary Chapter Chair of the Foundation, CEO, Cybera Inc. and **Liz Ackerman**, training coordinator, Duncan & Craig LLP, Edmonton.

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Adam Noble, Shayla Larson 2011 Young Canadian Innovation Award winners, Lakefield Ont., with 2009 Manning laureate Dr. Robert Burrell, University of Alberta.



Patricia Etris, director, community involvement, Encana, Dr. Philip Hill, 2011 Encana principal award recipient, Westport Innovations, Vancouver, Richard Dunn, vice-president, regulatory and government relations, Encana.



Bob Bowhay, chair, Manning Awards Edmonton steering committee, Randy Marsden 2011 Manning Innovation Award recipient, Cleankeys, Edmonton, Stephen Mandel, Mayor, city of Edmonton.



Edmonton entrepreneur and philanthropist Dr. Stanley Milner, Joanne Knecht and her husband, Rod Knecht, Edmonton Chief of Police.



Mary Gordon, recipient of the 2011 David E. Mitchell Award of Distinction, David B. Mitchell, president, Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation.



Sandra and Preston Manning, president and CEO Manning Centre for Building Democracy, Calgary.



Doug Mitchell, Borden Ladner Gervais, and Lois Mitchell, Rainmaker, Calgary.



Marilyn and Sol Rolinger, chair, Edmonton chapter, Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation, Duncan and Craig LLP Edmonton.



Lisa Samson, managing partner, StrategyCorp Inc., Ottawa, and Ida Albo, managing partner, Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg.



Dr. Marianne Howell, professor of Dentistry, University of Alberta, and her husband, Brigadier-General Paul Wynnyk, Commander of Canadian Land Forces Western Area/Joint Task Force West.



Manning Awards laureates 2002 David Martin and Nancy Knowlton, SMART Technologies, Calgary.



Scott Sullivan, president and CEO Synerude Canada, sponsor of the Young Canadian Innovation Award, with 2011 recipient Christopher Chopelan, Sarnia Ont.



Wayd McNally, chair, Atlantic Canada chapter of the Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation, president and CEO, Sensor Wireless Inc. Charlottetown, P.E.I., and his wife, Angela.