

ENGLISH— Doris Huestis Speirs Award 2019 – Jean-Pierre L. Savard

The Doris Huestis Speirs Award is presented annually to an individual who has made outstanding lifetime contributions in Canadian ornithology. On behalf of the society, I am happy to announce this year's award recipient is Dr. Jean-Pierre L. Savard.

Dr. Savard's candidacy had no less than 23 support letters, representing 8 of 10 provinces and 1 territory, and spanned from east to west of the country. Dr. Savard was described as a "Bridger" who is interested in issues related to human interactions with birds and is able to bring together different groups to work towards a common goal. His more than 300 articles and government reports over the course of his career also reflect this, representing both a large number of species groups (ranging from passerines, owls, woodpeckers to waterfowl), and key conservation issues, such as: the decline of sea duck populations; the impacts of forestry on boreal birds; and impacts of urbanization on bird populations. In these fields, he has been truly cosmopolitan, engaging in research from east to west and north to south across Canada.

Support for this nomination was particularly strong in Quebec, recognizing the important role Dr. Savard has played in ornithology in his home province. He has been prominent in promoting avian research and linking the various ornithological communities in Canada. He has brought and hosted several major ornithological conferences to Québec, including the SCO meeting in 2004 (joint with AOU) during the years he also served as the SCO-SOC's President. All the letters spoke of his generosity and support as a mentor to a generation of ornithologists across the country, both Anglophone and Francophone.

On behalf of the selection committee of Dr. Mark Brigham, Dr. Nicola Koper and myself, as well as the society, I would like to congratulate Dr. Jean-Pierre Savard for his outstanding contributions to ornithology in Canada.

-Ken A. Otter, Chair, Doris Huestis Speirs Award Committee