

ACMLA Awards Committee Report for 2001

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The committee consisted of Lori Sugden (Chair), Trudy Bodak and Cheryl Woods. Discussions were held via email. The Committee received nominations for the Honours Award, and selected Pierre Lépine and Velma Parker, two people who have worked alone and collaboratively to create and publish the records of Canada's maps in both French and English.

Pierre is recognized for his activities in our Association on both the Bibliographic Control Committee and Awards Committee, and his ongoing work to record and inform others of Québec's map publications. His early commitment to good cataloguing practice and contributions of map cataloguing records to Utlas and the National Union Catalogue of Maps encouraged others to create records which are the backbone of cataloguing today. His generous participation as conference presenter and organizer, and his active participation in map library working groups in Québec, among others, is greatly appreciated. His publications on Québec's cartographic history for the Bibliothèque nationale du Québec, including "Documents cartographiques depuis la découverte de l'Amérique jusqu'à 1820: inventaire sommaire", 1985 and "Cartes anciennes: cartes originales ou reproduites", 1994 are important references. His reviews of atlases, books and maps in the *Bulletin* have helped inform others of developments in Québec's mapping. Most recently, he is to be commended for the development and announcement of the Bibliothèque nationale's "Cartes géographiques" web page, <http://www2.bibliat.gouv.qc.ca/cargeo/accueil.htm>, containing scanned images of maps published in Québec or regarding Québec, published between 1632 and 1950, and also including some even older special maps. This is a very valuable resource for researchers worldwide.

Velma's many contributions to the Association and the improvement of cataloguing practice for maps and geographic data are well known and applauded. She has been Treasurer and Bibliographic Control Committee representative, and has actively participated in all aspects of map and geomatic data cataloguing. She has worked to make the needed changes through cataloguing committees and editorship of both editions of "Cartographic Materials: a Manual of Interpretation for AACR2", and of "Geomatic Data Sets: Cataloguing Rules". She has gathered input from map librarians and curators on proposed changes to the rules, and kept us informed on those rules by writing articles and presenting reports and workshops at conferences. She is the key resource person in Canada on interpretation of cataloguing rules for maps and geodata.

ACMLA Paper Award

There were no nominations for the Paper Award, but the committee reviewed all the papers published in *Bulletins* 104-108. The committee unanimously chose one of particular merit, and had it reviewed by an outside person. It was decided to award the 2001 ACMLA Paper Award to "Data Acquisitions Issues: the Canadian Map Libraries' Perspective" by Richard Hugh Pinnell, in *Bulletin* no. 107, which was presented as part of the 1999 conference. The committee agreed that the paper combined policy and practical considerations unique to Canada, as well as those more generally known. To paraphrase the external reviewer, "All the problems noted are those that each of us selecting digital geospatial data must consider." The examples of how map librarians/curators and staff at all levels can deal with geodata issues were clear and useful, not only for the map library community, but also for informing other colleagues and working collaboratively.