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Irwin (Ernie) Brodo awarded an Honorary Degree by Carleton University

Canada's top lichenologist received an honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Carleton University on 11 June "in recognition of a distinguished career in lichenology and scientific leadership in the international biosystematics community." Since 1965 he has been at the Canadian Museum of Nature, where he was a Research Lichenologist. A native of New York City, he received a B.S. from City College in New York, an M.S. in biology from Cornell University, and a Ph.D.

in botany from Michigan State University. He has published over 90 research papers, including numerous on British Columbia lichens, and an identification guidebook on the lichens of the Ottawa region. Brodo is a long time member of the Ottawa Field-Naturalists' Club who teaches about lichens. Although he is now technically retired, he continues to work at the Canadian Museum of Nature as Research Lichenologist Emeritus.

Manitoba Government Introduces North America's First Ecosystem Protection Legislation

This past Earth day (22 April), Manitoba became the first jurisdiction in North America to introduce legislation that protects essential habitats for endangered plants and wildlife. The province introduced legislative amendments that create the endangered species and ecosystem act that allow the listing of ecosystems as endangered or threatened and protect them on provincial Crown land. The proposed amendments will also: (1) create a new designation called 'special concern' for species at risk of becoming threatened in Manitoba

and requiring plans to prevent these species from further loss, (2) expand the role of the Endangered Species Advisory Committee to provide recommendations on endangered or threatened ecosystems, (3) add protection orders that empower conservation officials to preemptively stop activities that would endanger habitat and ecosystems, and (4) increase fines and penalties for violations under the legislation. For more information visit www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/tomorrownowgreenplan and www.iucn.org.

Dr. J. Roger Bider 1932–2013

The noted wildlife biologist and university professor, Roger Bider, died 29 April 2013 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. Dr. Bider spent 35 years at Macdonald College, McGill University, and founded the Ecomuseum in Montreal which he directed for 20 years. He and his many students published extensively on distribution, ecology, behavior and life history of a diverse selection of terrestrial vertebrates in Quebec including rodents, shrews, muskrats, mice, coyotes,

blackbirds, turtles, toads and salamander. Notable study techniques included the use of sand tracks to analyze the movements of small vertebrates. With Sylvie Matte he initiated the *Atlas of amphibians and reptiles of Quebec*, The Ecomuseum and the Atlas continue under the direction of David Rodrique. A tribute and bibliography will appear in a subsequent issue of *The Canadian Field-Naturalist*.

Upcoming Meetings – I Worldwide Raptor Conference 2013

The 1st international meeting of the Worldwide Raptor conference to be held 21-24 October 2013 in Nahuel Huapi National Park, Bariloche City, Rio Negro province, Argentina. This is a joint meeting between the Raptor Research Foundation, the Neotropical Raptor

Network (The Peregrine Fund) and the World Working Group on Birds of Prey and Owls. Registration is currently open. More information is available at <http://www.raptorresearchfoundation.org/conferences/current-conference>.