

Announcement

Assistant Deputy Minister (Science) Distinction Award presented to Dr. Mohiuddin Munawar, Chief editor. January 15, 2008



Dr. Michelle Wheatley, Regional Director, Science, Central & Arctic Region (left) and Dr. Wendy-Watson Wright, Assistant Deputy Minister, Science (right), present Dr. Mohiuddin Munawar with a Distinction Award in recognition of his leadership and outstanding scientific contributions on behalf of Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Dr. Mohiuddin Munawar is renowned world-wide for his contributions to several key areas of limnology, focusing on phytoplankton and microbial food web of the Laurentian Great Lakes. Dr. Munawar is serving as a Research Scientist with DFO's Great Lakes Laboratory for Fisheries & Aquatic Sciences (GLLFAS). His career dates back to the very early days of Canada Centre of Inland Waters (CCIW) in Burlington, when there was no building and only trailers, a dock and ships at this site. He worked closely with the well-known scientists like Drs. Richard Vollenweider and Jack Vallentyne.

In particular, Dr. Munawar is recognized for his leading role on the international stage. He has a global network of collaborators and contacts and is a master enabler, facilitator and promoter of science-

based management of ecosystem resources. He has received awards from the International Journal of Great Lakes Research and the International Association for Great Lakes Research. More recently, in October 2007, he was the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Göteborg, Sweden for his life time achievements.

Dr. Munawar was a strong advocate of the ecosystem approach to aquatic resource management long before it was the norm. Through his role as originator and President of the Aquatic Ecosystem Health and Management Society and editor of the society's journal and books, Dr. Munawar has become a true promoter of Great Lakes research. He is also an advocate of ecological research and management of large lakes of the world. Dr. Munawar is a tireless ambassador of DFO's ecosystem based science that helps manage the Great Lakes.

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