Dr. John E. Storer is the 2019 recipient of the Alliance of Natural History Museum’s (ANHMC) Bruce Naylor Award. The award is given annually to an individual or individuals to recognize achievement of national or international significance in the field of natural history in Canada. The award will be presented to Dr. John E. Storer at the annual ANHMC reception hosted by the Royal Saskatchewan Museum (RSM) on September 30th in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Dr. Storer has made extensive contributions to palaeontology and natural history in Canada. He has a strong connection to the RSM, having worked there as a palaeontologist, museum director and curator. He also has Alberta connections, as the first palaeontologist hired at the Royal Alberta Museum (RAM) in the early 1970s. He not only made major contributions in Saskatchewan and Alberta but also in the Yukon, where he worked as a palaeontologist and was active in the establishment of the Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre. Although retired, he is by no means inactive. He continues to pursue his palaeontological passion as an independent researcher. Dr. Storer has worked on North American fossils from the Cretaceous to the Recent and he is a leading authority on several mammalian groups, including the very challenging Rodentia.

“There can be few curators and museum professionals, in any field, who have had such a profound influence on three prominent institutions,” states Dr. Alwynne Beaudoin, President of the ANHMC and Director of Natural History at the RAM. “To quote one of his nominators, “the name “Storer” is indelibly associated with Early Tertiary Palaeontology in the Canadian prairies.” ”

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