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Dr. Randall Mooi
RECIPIENT OF THE 2021 BRUCE NAYLOR AWARD

Dr. Randall Mooi is the 2021 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. Mooi at the annual ANHMC Fall meeting hosted virtually by The Manitoba Museum, Winnipeg Manitoba on October 4th.

Dr. Mooi's passion for curatorial work started at a very early age as a boy visiting the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) in Toronto. After a Ph.D. at the University of Toronto, researching the evolutionary history of coral reef fishes at the ROM, he did a year of postdoctoral work at the Smithsonian Institute, and then was appointed Curator of Fishes at the Milwaukee Public Museum. In 2004, Dr. Mooi accepted the position of Curator of Zoology at The Manitoba Museum.

"Dr. Mooi is a scientist's scientist and a curator's curator", says Dr. Graham Young, Curator of Geology and Paleontology at the Manitoba Museum. His passion spurred considerable contributions such as publishing original science, serving on editorial boards, delivering engaging lectures, creating many exciting exhibits and co-leading a major citizen science project.

"Dr. Mooi is a remarkable resource for many colleagues, both inside and outside the Museum. Now at the peak of his career and as an all-round scientist, he has contributed to the understanding of Zoology at the Museum, the Winnipeg community and globally." states Dr. Alwynne Beaudoin, President of the ANHMC and Director of Natural History at the Royal Alberta Museum. "We are pleased and honoured to present Dr. Mooi with the Bruce Naylor Award for 2021."

The ANHMC is a national network of natural history museums and similar institutions dedicated to the preservation and understanding of Canada's natural heritage and the enhancement of the benefits museums provide to the people of Canada.

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