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SEASON'S GREETINGS

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE
December, 2015

ANHMC ALL MEMBERS MEETING

HELD IN MONTREAL

There was record attendance for the ANHMC fall members meeting this year at Delta Hotel in Montreal. With representation from coast to coast to coast and led by ANHMC President, Brian Groves, the group held very productive meetings. They elected a new ANHMC Board, shared key details from their institutions, initiated and confirmed new and existing projects and toured Montreal member sites. Montreal's Space for Life and Redpath Museum provided unique tours of their facilities.



ANHMC meetings in progress in Mtl.

These site visits provided great insights for the ANHMC members and we thank Anne Charpentier from Espace pour la Vie and Ingrid Birker from the Redpath Museum for their generous hospitality.



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A NEW Facebook page for the Alliance can be found at facebook.com/alliancenaturalhistory. Sign up now and find out what's new with Canada's natural history museums and keep current with us on Twitter @NatHistMuseums.



ANHMC welcomed to Biodome by Director René Pronovost

UPDATES ON THE ANHMC'S NATIONALLY TRAVELLING 2017 EXHIBITION



If you haven't already received a letter from Kelly Sendall at the Royal BC Museum, please connect with him by email at ksendall@rbcm.bc.ca to learn more about this project and on how you might contribute/participate to this national project. The Canadian Museum of Nature has committed to overseeing the travelling of the exhibition and the exhibition will be a great way to showcase your institution and the ANHMC in 2017.

Sign up now!

2015 BRUCE NAYLOR AWARD

A Selections Committee comprised of Committee Chair, Dr. Harold Bryant of the Royal Saskatchewan Museum, Dr. Graham Young of the Manitoba Museum, Dr. Don McAlpine of the New Brunswick Museum have confirmed this year's award winner. This news will be that will be announced early in the New Year. The presentation will be made at the CMA conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia in April 2016.



ANHMC TO INITIATE CROSS-CANADA RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT TO BOOST MUSEUM MEMBERSHIPS



ANHMC President, Brian Groves from the Yukon Beringia Centre, is working with members from the Canadian Museum of Nature and the Manitoba Museum on a NATIONAL NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM RECIPROCAL PROGRAMME reciprocal in Canada. This collaboration is an opportunity to generate interest and encourage memberships at your institution. If you have not confirmed your participation or would like more details, please contact Brian at Brian.Groves@gov.yk.ca. Don't miss out!



VANCOUVER AQUARIUM WINS BID

Congratulations to the Vancouver Aquarium that has been chosen by the City of Valencia in Spain to run L'Oceanographic - Europe's largest aquarium. The Aquarium will oversee the management of the complex which first opened in 2003.

NEW ICEBERG SCULPTURE AT THE CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE



A new sculpture has taken shape on the grounds of the Canadian Museum of Nature. The Arctic-themed design inspired by icebergs will be part of the museum's *Landscapes of Canada Gardens*.

The sculpture, designed by sculptor and adventurer William (Bill) Lishman, is composed of a number of stainless steel parts, with the tallest part extending 13 metres high. It will be the focal point for the tundra section of the gardens, which will occupy the west side of

the museum's property alongside O'Connor Street. Work on the gardens started in June 2015, and the landscaping for the boreal forest and prairie grasslands sections is now complete.

ROYAL ALBERTA MUSEUM

The Royal Alberta Museum is providing its new exhibits in both English and French, and have just released an RFP to secure English to French translation. They are also seeking a coordinator/advocate to manage the translation process to assist with quality control. For more information you can contact Royal Albert Museum Director, Chris Robinson by emailing him at Chris.Robinson@gov.ab.ca or by calling him at 780-453-9168. Deadline for submissions is December 18th at 2:00 p.m.

ANHMC BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2016-2017

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We would like to hear from you!

Do you have information share with the ANHMC membership?

Do you have feedback or ideas for collaboration?

**Send us a note by emailing Liz McCrea at
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