

**National awards recognize tourism excellence**

Fourteen organizations and individuals from across Canada—recipients of the 2006 TIAC National Awards for Tourism Excellence presented by The Globe and Mail—have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Canadian tourism industry:

AIR CANADA BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD – SINGLE-UNIT  
Oak Hammock Marsh Interpretive Centre (Interlake, Manitoba)

APR MEDIA LTD. BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD – MULTIPLE-UNIT  
Niagara Parks Commission (Niagara Falls, Ontario)

THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK OF CANADA NEW BUSINESS OF  
THE YEAR AWARD  
London-Wul Fibre Arts (Lakeburn, N.B.)

AIR MILES® REWARD PROGRAM INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD  
Ottawa Tourism (Ottawa, Ontario)

STARWOOD HOTELS AND RESORTS WORLDWIDE INC. CORPORATE  
PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD  
Canada AM

THE GLOBE AND MAIL TRAVEL MEDIA AWARD  
Travelscope (California, USA)

VIA RAIL CANADA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD  
Mary Majka (Mary's Point, N.B.)

FAIRMONT HOTELS & RESORTS MARKETING CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR  
AWARD  
Art Gallery of Ontario (Toronto, Ontario)

METRO TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD  
Rock the Fort 2005 (Fort William Historical Park, Ontario)

CTHRC AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCES  
DEVELOPMENT – SINGLE-UNIT BUSINESS  
The Great George (Charlottetown, P.E.I.)

CTHRC AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCES  
DEVELOPMENT – MULTIPLE-UNIT BUSINESS  
Delta Barrington and Delta Halifax (Halifax, N.S.)

DELTA HOTELS LIMITED EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD  
Andreas Haun, Kingsbrae Garden (St. Andrews, N.B.)

PARKS CANADA SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AWARD  
Bay of Fundy Tourism Partnership (New Brunswick and Nova Scotia)

CANADIAN TRAVEL PRESS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
Hans Gmoser

The awards were presented yesterday evening at a gala dinner during Canada's Tourism Leadership Summit 2006 at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge in Jasper, Alberta.

The TIAC National Awards for Tourism Excellence presented by The Globe and Mail were developed in 2003 by the Tourism Industry Association of Canada, the national private-sector advocate for Canada's \$62.7billion tourism industry.

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