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Arctic Inspiration Prize Recipients

IQALUIT, Nunavut (December 14, 2012) - Three Nunavut-based projects are among the first recipients of the Arctic Inspiration Prize. The Arctic Food Network, the Nunavut Literacy Council and a group of elders writing a book on Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit were awarded the honour at the 8th ArcticNet Annual Scientific Meeting last night in Vancouver, B.C.

“I would like to congratulate the Arctic Inspiration Prize winners from Nunavut,” said the Honourable Peter Taptuna, Nunavut’s Deputy Premier. “The recipients of this award are applying creative solutions to the challenges and opportunities in our territory, and I would like to applaud them for their efforts.”

“We are incredibly proud to recognize Nunavut’s three Arctic Inspiration Prize recipients,” said the Honourable Daniel Shewchuk, minister responsible for Arctic College and the Nunavut Research Institute. “This occasion recognizes the strong commitment to the capacity-building of world-class, home-grown research that will make positive contributions to the continued growth of our great territory.”

The Arctic Inspiration Prize is made possible through the generous endowment of the S. and A. Inspiration Foundation. The Prize recognizes and encourages teamwork and collaboration among diverse groups and organizations in addressing the causes rather than the symptoms of issues of importance to the Canadian Arctic and its Peoples. To be considered for the prize, teams must propose knowledge to action applications, having a direct impact on the Canadian Arctic and its Peoples.

Former governor general Michaëlle Jean, Nobel Peace Prize nominee Sheila Watt-Cloutier, Juno-Award winning singer-songwriter Susan Aglukark and CBC news anchor Peter Mansbridge, are amongst the judges who sit on the selection committee.

For more information on the Arctic Inspiration Prize, visit: www.arcticinspirationprize.ca.

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