

## **Helen Sawyer Hogg Public Lecture (the Hogg Prize Lecture)**

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The Helen Sawyer Hogg Public Lecture, also called the Hogg Prize Lecture, is named in recognition of the lifelong contributions of Helen Sawyer Hogg towards increasing public awareness and appreciation of the Universe around us, an aim that the Lectureship also seeks to further. The lecture is held annually, usually in conjunction with the annual meeting of either RASC or CASCA.

The lecture is sponsored and hosted in alternating years by the Canadian Astronomical Society (CASCA) and the RASC. The RASC sponsors and hosts the Hogg Lecture in even-numbered years. CASCA sponsors and hosts the Hogg Lecture in odd-numbered years. All costs associated with the lecture in any given year are borne by the hosting Society that year. When RASC hosts the lecture, RASC is responsible for all of the lecture-associated costs. In alternating years, the same policy applies to CASCA.

Selection of the speaker is made by a committee consisting of the Presidents of the two Societies and the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee hosting the meeting (CASCA or RASC)

The speaker is expected to submit the lecture for publication in the *Journal* of the RASC, within three months of the Lecture. A manuscript of 10-20 pages, with no more than 6-10 figures, is suggested. The Editor shall have the responsibility of ensuring that a manuscript is submitted.

The speaker is encouraged to contact the Editor at an early stage by email [editor@rasc.ca](mailto:editor@rasc.ca)

The Secretary of the host Society shall keep the secretary of the other Society informed of the plans for the Lecture in each year.

The Local Organizing Committee shall have the responsibility for the local arrangements, including the publicity through the local media. Additionally, publicity shall be sent to local educational institutions, science clubs, libraries, etc., and to neighbouring Centres of the RASC, with the request that an announcement of the Lecture be posted and/or included in their newsletters or notices.

The presentation of the Lecture will be preceded by an introduction, normally given by the President of the host Society, which shall make particular mention of the joint RASC/CASCA sponsorship of the Lecture, and of the contributions of Dr. Hogg to astronomical research and education.

### **Expenses:**

Costs in any given year are to be dealt with by the hosting Society (either RASC or CASCA) in the following ways:

- An honorarium of \$750 (RASC) will be paid by the national RASC. (CASCA honorarium as of 2012 is either \$1000 or \$1200 - MLW)
- All other Hogg lecturer costs are the sole responsibility of the hosting RASC Centre, and must be included in the hosting Centre's GA budget planning process, in consultation with the national Society, through the national treasurer and executive director. A maximum of regular return economy airfare, plus two night's accommodation, and all meals during that time, are the generally accepted expenses to be covered. (The speaker is encouraged to stay longer if the total additional expenses are acceptable to the host Centre's budget.)
- Waiving of page charges in the *Journal* of the RASC
- Additionally the host Society (and hosting RASC Centre) waives the meeting's registration fee.
- Any changes made to these guidelines by one Society shall be subject to approval of the other.

This document, as revised from time to time, shall be deposited with the Secretary of each Society. It shall be circulated to the Presidents of the two Societies, the Editor of the Journal, the current speaker and the Local Organizing Committee.

- Separate document located at [www.rasc.ca/hogg-lecture](http://www.rasc.ca/hogg-lecture)

## **Ruth Northcott Memorial Lecture**

The Ruth Northcott Memorial Lecture is sponsored by the RASC. It is held biennially (in odd numbered years), during the General Assembly.

Selection of the speaker is made by the President of the Society and the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, hosting the General Assembly.

The speaker is expected to submit the lecture for publication in the *Journal* of the RASC, within three months of the Lecture. A manuscript of 10-20 pages, with no more than 6-10 figures, is suggested. The Editor shall have the responsibility of ensuring that a manuscript is submitted. The speaker is encouraged to contact the Editor at an early stage by email [editor@rasc.ca](mailto:editor@rasc.ca)

The Local Organizing Committee shall have the responsibility for the local arrangements, including the publicity through the local media. Additionally, publicity shall be sent to local educational institutions, science clubs, libraries, etc., and to neighbouring Centres of the RASC, with the request that an announcement of the Lecture be posted and/or included in their newsletters or notices.

The presentation of the Lecture will be preceded by an introduction, normally given by the President of the Society, which shall make particular mention of the contributions made by Ruth Northcott to astronomical research and education

### **Expenses:**

- The total Northcott Lecture costs are to be shared equally by the Society and the General Assembly hosting Centre
- Honorarium \$750
- Regular return economy airfare plus two night's accommodation up to a total maximum of \$1000.00
- Waiving of page charges in the *Journal* of the RASC
- Additionally, the meeting registration fee is waived by the Society/hosting Centre.
- This document shall be maintained by the Secretary and sent to the Local Organizing Committee well in advance of the General Assembly. It shall also be circulated to the President of the Society, the *Journal* Editor and the current speaker.
- Separate document located at [www.rasc.ca/northcott-lecture](http://www.rasc.ca/northcott-lecture)