

Winnipeg Society Receives Local Society Prize for 2001

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Prof. Karen Rubinson, outgoing vice president for societies, presented the 2001 Local Society Prize to Prof. Michael Cosmopoulos and Deborah Ruscillo Cosmopoulos, president and vice president, respectively, of the Winnipeg Society, during the council meeting in San Diego.

Members of the society have been very busy. In the past two years, their membership increased nearly twofold, now reaching close to 70 members. What is remarkable, however, is that nearly 80% of these are lay members.

"The AIA for us is not just any professional organization," Prof. Cosmopoulos said. "We feel very passionate about the

AIA and its mission. We will continue to do our best to promote its cause."

Officers and members of the society had a lot on their program agenda last year, sponsoring many outreach

programs and events not part of the regular Institute lectureship program.

"We pride ourselves in providing a valuable public service to our community and a warm and hospitable environment," Prof. Cosmopoulos commented.

The society also works closely with other archaeological organizations in Manitoba, including the Classical Association of Manitoba and the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, not only to promote archaeology, but also to organize special events. For example, the society sponsored a tour of the archaeological collection at the Museum of Man.

In addition to the more academic events that the society organizes, it also sponsors a number of social activities geared toward the student members. Some of these activities last year included event receptions, Christmas parties and raffles.

The society plans to use the \$1,000 prize money to expand its outreach program and to increase membership by intensifying its membership drive program.

The Local Society Prize started in 1996 to recognize the diverse educational activities that the societies sponsor to supplement the national lecture program

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Winnipeg Society officers Prof. Michael Cosmopoulos and Deborah Ruscillo Cosmopoulos receive the Local Society Prize from Prof. Karen Rubinson.

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