

2004 BCNET Award Winners Announced

VANCOUVER, BC (September 27, 2004) – **BCNET** (www.bc.net), a non-profit society for the development of advanced networks within the province, announced last week the 2004 winners for its prestigious awards held in Vancouver, BC. The Deputy Speaker, Dr. John Weisbeck, MLA, Kelowna-Lake Country, was the winner of the Most Valuable Contribution Award, Doug Alexander was the winner of the Distinguished Service award and Mike Patterson was the winner of the Network Builder Award.

"It is indeed an honour for me to present an award to these individuals. Each has acted as a catalyst for continuing to keep BC at the forefront of networking technology" said **Michael Hrybyk, President and CEO of BCNET.**

The Most Valuable Contribution Award is granted to a member of the community who has worked tirelessly to lead the way for enhancing education and research capabilities over the Internet. The Deputy Speaker, Dr. John Weisbeck, MLA, Kelowna-Lake Country was the winner of the 2004 Most Valuable Contribution Award. The Distinguished Service Award is granted to a member of the community who has generously devoted significant amounts of time to developing advanced networks to further health, education and research initiatives in British Columbia. Doug Alexander, Operations Manager of Computing Services at the University of Victoria, was voted recipient of the 2004 Distinguished Service Award, for his many years of service on the Board of Directors for **BCNET**. The Network Builder Award is granted to a member of the community who displays leadership, and who is an innovative developer in the use of information technology in the public sector. Mike Patterson, President of Elogy Communications Corp. was voted recipient of the 2004 Builder's award for his work as a Canadian Internet pioneer with a long history of helping young Internet companies.

About BCNET

BCNET (www.bc.net) is a non-profit society supporting and promoting advanced networks for the province's research and education communities. The organization serves BC's academic, research and development institutions, government bodies, community organizations and industry groups. **BCNET** is the province's foremost leader in advanced network technology. **BCNET** is supported by the provincial and federal governments as well as by its regional member institutions.

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