

# AES Scientists Win Major Achievement Awards

Robert Vet, a quality assurance scientist with AES's Canadian Air and Precipitation Monitoring Network (CAPMoN) is this year's winner of the Jim Bruce Achievement Award.

At a special ceremony, held July 14, in the AES Downsview Auditorium, former ADMA Jim Bruce, now serving as director of Technical Co-operation of the World Meteorological Organization in Geneva, presented the Jim Bruce award personally to Mr. Vet.

Mr. Bruce praised Bob Vet for his outstanding contributions in the field of air pollution meteorology enabling him to help bridge the gap between atmospheric physics and chemistry in work culminating with the development of a tall stack plume dispersion model.

Mr. Bruce also praised Bob Vet for his work as consulting scientist with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and for his activities at Concorde Scientific Corporation where he carried out wet and dry deposition studies in the Sudbury area.

Lastly Mr. Vet was lauded for representing AES, both nationally and internationally, helping to enhance global programs and contribute to Canadian efforts in negotiating transboundary air pollution agreements.

The Jim Bruce Achievement Award is given in recognition of outstanding contributions to AES

and its objectives. Bob Vet is only the second person to receive the Bruce Award; Jim Bruce was the first (in 1986).

On the same occasion Bob Vet was also the recipient of an AES Merit Award. In this case the presentation was made by ADMA Howard Ferguson.

Referring to Mr. Vet's work with CAPMoN, Mr. Ferguson said, "His efforts have resulted in a state-of-the-art monitoring network equal to or better than any other in the world . . . Mr. Vet is acting as the Canadian expert advisor to a number of other international networks".

The other Merit Award recipient was John O'Reilly who received his prize in recognition of his successful establishment of Environment Canada's Great Lakes Water Level Forecast Centre and the development and implementation of the high water level forecast program.

Mr. Ferguson added that John's efforts not only led to a technical success, they also resulted in services that regularly contribute to the safety and well being of a substantial number of Ontario residents. "During the early period" concluded ADMA, "John was the forecaster, the program developer, the researcher and the trainer — a Jack of all trades — and evidently a master of them all too".



**Jim Bruce, left, poses with Robert Vet soon after the latter received his J.P. Bruce Award for outstanding services to AES**



**John O'Reilly receives an AES Merit Award at the same ceremony**