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Understanding and Sustaining the North into the Future: A Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Bob Jefferies

25-28 August 2011

A Symposium at the new Churchill Northern Studies Centre (LEED™ Gold), in Churchill, Manitoba

PROPOSED PROGRAM THEMES

1. Looking Forward based on Lessons Learned at the CNSC: Climate Change, the IPCC, Vulnerability and Adaptation in the North
2. The Legacy of Long-term Studies at La Perouse Bay on Hudson Bay
3. The GLOBAL LINKS of Bob Jefferies

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Canada lost one of its pre-eminent ecologists with the death of Professor Robert L. Jefferies on July 8, 2009, at the age of 73. In a professional career spanning 50 years, including 34 years at the University of Toronto, Bob published over 100 peer-reviewed papers and four edited books. His studies of nesting Snow Geese and tundra plants at La Pérouse Bay, Manitoba, and of the consequences of climate change and human intervention, helped to make this one of the world's best-understood northern ecosystems. This work influenced management policy in the North and directly informed the establishment of Wapusk National Park on Hudson Bay. Bob was a dedicated and inspiring teacher who taught ecology to thousands of undergraduate students, and trained twenty-five MSc and PhD students. He collaborated with colleagues around the world, and served on the Editorial Boards of the Journal of Ecology, Ecoscience and Global Change Biology. In 2007 when the IPCC was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, Bob was among the recipients, for his contributions to the 2007 IPCC Assessment Report.

The Symposium will celebrate Bob's contributions to ecology and provide a venue for his many friends, family and colleagues to gather and present the results of research that he inspired.