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ARCTIC INSPIRATION PRIZE CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

\$1 Million Prize to be awarded at Arctic Change 2014 conference in Ottawa

Ottawa, Ontario -- [Nomination packages](#) are now available for the third annual [Arctic Inspiration Prize \(AIP\)](#). The \$1 Million AIP recognizes and promotes the extraordinary contribution made by interdisciplinary teams in the gathering of Arctic knowledge, and their plans to implement this knowledge into real world applications for the benefit of the Canadian Arctic, Arctic Peoples and therefore Canada as a whole. Nominations will be accepted until October 1, 2014.

The AIP is awarded annually to up to five teams. Candidates cannot apply for the Prize themselves; they must be nominated by third parties who are knowledgeable about their activities. A constantly evolving network of AIP Ambassadors generously provides outreach and mentorship to potential laureates. Smaller scale (local, grassroots) projects (i.e. under \$100,000) are as eligible and encouraged as very large ones (up to \$1 million). Successful projects must address challenges and opportunities of strategic importance to the Canadian Arctic and its Peoples in one or more of five key priority areas, Education, Human Health, Socio-Cultural, Environment, and the Economy. Detailed [nomination guidelines](#) are available online, along with contact information for all [AIP Ambassadors](#).

A [Selection Committee](#) of distinguished individuals known for their commitment to the Canadian Arctic and its Peoples, including new members Eva Aariak, former Premier of Nunavut, and Thomas Anguti Johnston, President of the National Inuit Youth Council, will select Prize recipients with associated awards of up to \$1 million.

The Arctic Inspiration Prize will be awarded at a ceremony on December 10, 2014, in conjunction with the international [Arctic Change 2014](#) conference, hosted by [ArcticNet](#) at the Ottawa Convention Centre from December 8 – 12, 2014. The event will be co-hosted by Peter Mansbridge, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, and former Premier of Nunavut, Eva Aariak, all three members of the AIP Selection Committee.

Founded in 2012 by Arnold Witzig and Sima Sharifi, and managed by the [ArcticNet Network of Centres of Excellence](#), the Arctic Inspiration Prize has to-date awarded \$2 Million to seven teams who include the Arctic Food Network, the Nunavut Literacy Council, Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit, the Thaidene Nene Initiative, Ikaarvik: From Barriers to Bridges, the National Strategy on Inuit Education – National Parent Mobilization Initiative, and SakKijânginnatuk Nunalik: Healthy homes in thriving Nunatsiavut communities.

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