

Student Travel Award for ICWL

The Paul Kanciruk Student Travel Award for the International Lobster Conference and Workshop

A newly established student travel assistance award is now available to promising graduate students or recent doctoral degree recipients who are without sufficient financial support to attend the International Conference and Workshop on Lobsters (ICWL). The award honors the late Paul Kanciruk (1947-2006), who received his Ph.D. in 1976 under the directorship of Professor William Herrnkind, and from whose estate funds were made available to found this award. Dr. Kanciruk spent most of his professional career as a respected scientist in the area of climate change research and large database management, yet his doctoral research in lobster biology contributed substantially to our understanding of lobster behavior. Paul was unable to present his novel research results at the first ICWL held in 1977 in Perth, Australia because of lack of funding for student travel. Thus, it is most fitting that this award be used for this purpose and in his memory.

To apply: Students who wish to apply for the award to attend the upcoming 9th ICWL in Bergen, Norway in June 2011 should complete the application form available on the conference website. The form is also available by email from the Chair of the award committee: Dr. Mark Butler (mbutler@odu.edu). **The completed application form must be emailed to the Chair of the award committee by March 15, 2011. Recipients of the award will be announced by March 31, 2011.** The winner of the award will have free registration. All other students applying within March 15, will be noted for the early bird registration fee.

The Award Committee:

Dr. Mark Butler (Chair), Old Dominion University (USA)

Dr. Alison MacDiarmid, National Institute for Water & Atmospheric Research (New Zealand)

Dr. Raquel Goni, Instituto Español de Oceanografía, (Spain)

Contributions: Members of the international community with interests in lobster fisheries, management, and science who would like to contribute to this award fund to ensure its existence for future conferences should contact Mark Butler (mbutler@odu.edu).