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**Professor (Dr) Pierre Brunel
Recipient of the 2023 Bruce Naylor Award**

Professor (Dr.) Pierre Brunel is the 2023 recipient of the Alliance of Natural History Museum's (ANHMC) *Bruce Naylor Award*. The award is given annually to an individual or individuals to recognize achievement of national or international significance in the field of natural history in Canada. The award will be presented virtually to **Dr. Brunel** at the annual ANHMC Fall meeting hosted by the **Royal Ontario Museum** on November 8th.

Dr. Pierre Brunel is a marine ecologist and retired Biology professor from Université de Montréal. Throughout his long career, he published many papers on the ecology and taxonomy of marine invertebrates, particularly from the bottom communities of the St. Lawrence marine ecosystems. His absolute passion for the subject started early in his career, at least 70 years ago, and continues to this day. An excellent teacher, he has transferred this passion to many students over the years, several of which have followed his path and established themselves in the field of marine ecology. Professor Brunel has developed a very large collection (more than 60K samples) of marine invertebrates based on his research, that of his students, as well as material from many orphaned collections. His well-documented and carefully conserved collection is now housed at the Natural Heritage Campus of the Canadian Museum of Nature, in Gatineau, QC. Professor Brunel has devoted many years to documenting Québec's biodiversity and raising the awareness and importance of biodiversity amongst professionals and politicians.

"Professor Brunel, through his long and influential career and accomplishments, teaching and mentoring exemplifies the intent of the Bruce Naylor Award," says ANHMC President, Dr. Alwynne Beaudoin. "His dedication, high standards of excellence and efforts to increase awareness in the field of natural history across the country are significant contributions."

The ANHMC is a national network of natural history museums and similar institutions dedicated to the preservation and understanding of Canada's natural heritage and the enhancement of the benefits museums provide to the people of Canada.

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