

**Indexing Society of Canada  
Indexing Award Committee  
Final Report: April 27, 2011**

**Name:**

**Option 1: Ewart-Daveluy Award of Excellence in Indexing [favoured by Committee]**

**Option 2: ISC Excellence in Indexing Award**

Naming issues

1. Proper names are more memorable, “prettier” and unique
2. If we name the award after someone, several issues come to mind
  - must be culturally acceptable to French, English and others
  - must not offend currently alive senior indexers by exclusion
  - difficult to choose among “founding parents” of ISC
  - difficult to identify indexers prior to the advent of ISC
3. Some online research into early publications turned up two persons who, together, would represent gender and language balance. See Appendix for links to more information about them.

John S. Ewart

*Ewart's Index of the Statutes...* published ca. 1870. He was on the team that defended Louis Riel, and was on the French side of the Manitoba school question, a respected lawyer.

Marie-Claire Daveluy

A librarian and cataloguer, bibliographer, historian. She founded the first French- language library school, and published historical works, children's fiction and cataloguing rules, including those for subject headings. She wrote a monumental work on Jeanne Mance, that has an index (unusual for the French tradition), in 1934.

**Form of award:**

- **A very nice framed certificate accompanied by a letter.**
- **Possibly a lapel pin? Something tasteful – depends on finances.**

**Honourable mentions:**

- **Consists of a letter of commendation.**
- **Is awarded if and when needed. Not required; no limit.**

**Types of works admissible:**

- **Monographs & multi-volume non-serial works.**

**Time limit:**

- **Year 1: back 3 years**
- **Year 2 and until such time that ISC is regularly receiving a sufficient quantity of award nominations: 2 years**

Discussion:

The other societies vary. ANSZI, in particular, allows a longer time span for this reason.

**Where published?**

- **Anywhere**

**Languages of index:**

- **French**
- **English**

Discussion:

The Committee would have preferred this to be “any language,” especially in regard to aboriginal languages. However, given the logistics of starting the award and finding adjudicators, in the end we are recommending restricting it to two languages for the present. Once the award is established, we hope that the scope could be widened.

**Indexer**

- **Canadian citizen, resident in Canada or abroad**
- OR**
- **Resident in Canada**
  - **Not required to be a member of ISC**

Discussion:

Could be required to be a landed immigrant, but this would require photocopies of proofs, etc., which for some might be awkward/intrusive.

**Nominations:**

- **May be made by anyone**
- **Limit of one nomination per nominator**

Discussion:

If we do not receive enough nominations, we could lift the limit.

**Adjudication:**

- **3 voting members; non-voting specialists as required**
- **Coordinator appointed by the ISC exec; must have extensive experience over a long period of time (50 indexes; active over 10+ years). Ideally the other panel members also have extensive experience so that they can rotate into coordinator position**
- **Plan for continuity on the panel by staggering the rotation. Eg: Ask coordinator to sit for 2 years, the others to sit for 1 & 3 year period. The '1' is rotated out the 2<sup>nd</sup> year, the coordinator rotates out the 3<sup>rd</sup> year (and remaining person '3' takes coordinator's place), and then '3' rotates out the 4<sup>th</sup> year.**
- **Panel members may serve more than once.**

**Timeline:**

**May 2011.....present the award outline to the executive and membership**  
**June-Sept 2011....develop broad criteria**  
**Oct. 2011..... start publicity for the award**  
**Feb 1, 2012 .....deadline for submissions**  
**Feb-April 2012....evaluation of indexes by panel**  
**AGM 2012.....award made**

**Submission:**

- **Nomination & contact information form; separate sheet with paragraph indicating why this particular index merits the award; copy of book in reusable box; pdf of final index as published; and pdf of book, if available.**
- **Submit to individual designated by the Executive? Must be an individual not on the Award committee who will receive the material, record the ownership, etc., distribute the book and index, and, in general, ensure the anonymity of nominees during the judging process.**
- **Cost: \$30 to cover return postage and cost of copying and mailing materials, if need be, to the panel members.**

**Discussion:**

The "designated receiver" must be neutral, discrete and not overwhelmed with other work.

The cost of the process is difficult to estimate, but charging more might discourage people from accepting nominations. Note that SI and ANZSI do not charge at all; ASI charges \$25.

Report respectfully submitted by:

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## **Appendix: Ewart-Daveluy information**

Ewart's index to...

[http://www.archive.org/stream/cihm\\_10583#page/n5/mode/2up](http://www.archive.org/stream/cihm_10583#page/n5/mode/2up)

Link to his works:

[http://www.archive.org/search.php?query=creator%3A%22Ewart%2C%20John%20S.%20\(John%20Skirving\)%2C%201849-1933%22](http://www.archive.org/search.php?query=creator%3A%22Ewart%2C%20John%20S.%20(John%20Skirving)%2C%201849-1933%22)

Biographical:

<http://faculty.marianopolis.edu/c.belanger/quebechistory/encyclopedia/JohnS.Ewart-Wallace.htm>

<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=TCE&Params=A1ARTA0002680>

[http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/collections/rad/ewart\\_family.html](http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/archives/collections/rad/ewart_family.html)

[http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/nationalhistoric/ewart\\_js.shtml](http://www.mhs.mb.ca/docs/features/nationalhistoric/ewart_js.shtml)

Daveluy, Marie-Claire:

<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/women/030001-1352-e.html>

[http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marie-Claire\\_Daveluy#Biographie](http://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marie-Claire_Daveluy#Biographie)