

Whereas RASC member Alan Dyer is one of the leading astronomy authors in Canada, be it resolved that he be awarded the Society's Simon Newcomb Award for 2007 in recognition of his many published works.

Alan Dyer is Associate Editor at SkyNews magazine, and has had articles in almost all issues of the magazine for about a decade, mainly on observing topics. He also writes equipment reviews for Sky & Telescope magazine, where he is a Contributing Editor. His past writing credits include a period as an editor at Astronomy magazine. He provides the two most-referred to observing lists in the Observer's Handbook, the Messier Catalogue and the Finest NGC Objects. He is also the co-author of the Deep-Sky Challenge Objects observing list. Mr. Dyer is the co-author (with Terence Dickinson) of the very successful and widely-used book, "The Backyard Astronomer's Guide." Mr. Dyer's success as an astronomy author deserves recognition by National Council in the form of a Simon Newcomb Award for writing.