

2011 ASLI'S CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

At January's AMS Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Atmospheric Science Librarians International (ASLI) announced the 2011 ASLI's Choice winners for the best books in the fields of meteorology, climatology, and atmospheric sciences.

This year, the ASLI's Choice committee selected a winner and honorable mentions in the categories of science and history. Selections were based on nine criteria: uniqueness, comprehensiveness, usefulness, quality, authoritativeness, organization, illustrations/diagrams, competition, and references.

The winning book in the science category was *SCIAMACHY: Exploring the Changing Earth's Atmosphere*, edited by Manfred Gottwald and Heinrich Bovensmann, published by Springer. ASLI noted the book provided a "comprehensive summary of the milestone SCIAMACHY mission from its initial conception to most recent results."

There were two honorable mentions in the science category: *The Global Cryosphere: Past, Present and Future*, by Roger G. Barry and Thian Yew Gan, published by Cambridge University Press, awarded for "the depth and breadth of its coverage of the major aspects of the cryosphere"; and *Physics and Chemistry of Clouds*, by Dennis Lamb and Johannes Verlinde, published by Cambridge University Press, for "its data-rich, yet readable exploration of clouds across a range of scales."

In the history category, the winner was *Early China Coast Meteorology: The Role of Hong Kong*, by P. Kevin MacKeown, published by Hong Kong University Press, which ASLI lauded for "its account of the scientists and science that comprise the history and accomplishments of the Hong Kong Observatory."

Honorable mention in the history category went to *The Warming Papers: The Scientific Foundation for the Climate Change Forecast*, edited by David Archer and Ray Pierrehumbert, published by Wiley-Blackwell, awarded "for a compendium of the key scientific papers that undergird the global warming forecast."

ASLI is a professional organization devoted to communicating and disseminating information among libraries and educational institutions involved in atmospheric science research and scholarship. ASLI is now seeking nominations for the 2012 ASLI's Choice awards; the deadline for nominations is November 1. For more information, go to <http://aslionline.org/wp/asli-choice/>.

ASLI congratulates all of the 2011 winners!

