

Merlin Shoesmith

2016 recipient of the Canadian Section's Honorary Life Membership

The Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society from time to time may choose to honour individual members for exceptional and sustained service. Merlin Shoesmith received this recognition in 2016 for, among other things, his leadership in planning and organizing The Wildlife Society 2015 Annual Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Accomplishments: Merlin Shoesmith has been deeply involved in wildlife conservation and research for many years. He has been a long-time member of the Canadian Section and the Manitoba Chapter of The Wildlife Society. He was one of the driving forces behind bringing the annual meeting of The Wildlife Society to Winnipeg in 2015, and in his position of co-chair for this international event, he was also responsible for its tremendous success. He has had a great influence on wildlife conservation and management in Manitoba in his position with the Wildlife Branch of Manitoba Conservation, and many contributions to undergraduate and graduate student teaching and mentorship.