

SNO-FOO AWARD



TO ERR IS HUMAN,
TO FORGET IT WOULD BE DIVINE

The Sno-Foo award is presented each conference to an individual or group of individuals for having committed an outstanding “blooper” worthy of repeated telling. The recipient earns the award often unwittingly but always deservedly. To be considered for this award a member must be in good standing (but sometimes wavering) of the Eastern Snow Conference. The award is to be presented and accepted in a manner considered to be in “good taste.” No one person or organization will be eligible to qualify for this award more than once. Nominations arise through the Executive and the decision is final.

SNO FOO 1998—Mary Remley Albert

The Sno-Foo award is, as always, a tongue-in-cheek award passed to those willing to accept recognition for some transgression. So here is our story:

A well-known polar researcher acquired infamy, to those in the know, and it had to do with a tendency to celebrate after extended fieldwork. The ingredients for the award-winning transgression were largely geographical, an airport between the lodgings and the hospitality facilities. The catalysts were simply the hour of the evening, the commitment to a safe walk back, and a designated guide. Somehow our award winner could not help but take the shortcut, walking across the airport to the consternation of various authorities. “No harm no foul,” they say, and a single, obscure transgression, such as this, would certainly fall below the “Sno-Foo” radar but for two other qualifications. First, it happened twice, two years in a row. Second, the spokesperson helping to get her off the hook was her student. Therefore we are proud to offer Mary Albert the 1998 Sno-Foo Award, earning her the bird in the finest tradition of the ESC.