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Society of Wetland Scientists Presents Lifetime Achievement Award

July 6, 2017, MADISON, Wis. –The Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS) held their 2017 Annual Meeting June 5 - 8 at the Puerto Rico Convention Center in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Wetland scientists from around the world were recognized for their outstanding contributions in wetland science, as well as long-time service to SWS, at the Awards Lunch and Business Meeting. Dr. Paul Keddy, a world-renowned wetlands expert from Lanark County, Ontario earned the Society's highest honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to individuals in honor of a distinguished and extensive career of consistent meritorious contributions to wetland science and management.

Dr. Keddy received this award for a lifetime of exceptional work for wetland science and conservation, highlighted by a vigorous research program, prolific and profound writings, excellent grantsmanship and committee work, and an international influence and reach.

He was elected as a Fellow of the SWS in 2015 and previously received the Society's Merit Award for his well-known book, *Wetland Ecology: Principles and Conservation*, a textbook used around the world. Dr. Keddy has the distinction of being the only person to have received all three awards from SWS.

Dr. Keddy's work is known and respected not just within the wetland ecology community, but more widely within the general ecological community. He has mentored many in his career, presented countless symposia and plenary talks along the way and, according to the Institute for Scientific Information, has published over 100 scholarly papers, in addition to his 9 books and more than 30 book chapters, and has thousands of citations to his scientific journal articles.

An instrumental figure in wetland conservation, Dr. Keddy helped to set up and protect public places, by exploring and ultimately acquiring a square mile of Ontario woods and wetlands and donating a conservation easement on this acreage to the Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust as a nature sanctuary. This achievement was recognised by the Ottawa Field Naturalists' Club who awarded him with their Conservation Award—Non-member.

His major wetland book, *Wetland Ecology: Principles and Conservation*, is now available in its second edition and will soon be out in Chinese.

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About SWS

Since 1980, the [Society of Wetland Scientists](http://www.sws.org) (SWS) has maintained a thorough focus on its primary mission – to promote understanding, conservation, protection, restoration, science-based management and sustainability of wetlands. SWS is committed to providing meaningful resources that promote wetland education, conservation and restoration internationally and serves 3,048 members throughout the globe.