**Airson a sgaoileadh sa bhad** **Dihaoine 17 Samhain 2017**

**Urram nan Gàidheal air a bhuileachadh air an Dr Fionnlagh MacLeòid aig Duaisean Gàidhlig na h-Alba**

Chaidh oidhche Duaisean Gàidhlig na h-Alba 2017 a chumail ann an Glaschu an t-seachdain seo (Diciadain 15 Samhain) le mu 200 duine an làthair anns an Taigh-òsta Grand Central airson na còigeamh bliadhna de na duaisean.

Am measg na fhuair duaisean chaidh Urram nan Gàidheal a bhuileachadh air an Dr Fionnlagh MacLeòid à Leòdhas a tha ainmeil mar ùghdar, craoladair, tidsear agus neacheachdraidh agus airson nan tàlantan a th’ aige ann an iomadh raon eile. A’ toirt seachad na duaise do Mhgr MacLeòid, às leth Bhòrd na Gàidhlig, thuirt Dòmhnall MacLeòid a tha na bhall air a’ Bhòrd: “Tha Dr Finlay air a bhith ag obair gu dìcheallach a thaobh foghlaim, a thaobh craolaidh, a thaobh nan ealain, a thaobh eachdraidh, a thaobh sgrìobhaidh agus a thaobh iomadh rud eile. Tha e mion-eòlach air iomadh cuspair eadardhealaichte, nam measg teampaill, tobraichean slàinte, ainmean-àite, fir-tàileisg Leòdhais, togail dhealbh, arc-eòlas, strì an fhearainn, agus an t-àite a th’ aig creideamh agus foghlam ann an coimhearsnachdan. A-nochd tha sinne ag aithneachadh na h-obrach a rinn Dr Finlay agus tha sinn air leth toilichte an Duais seo a thoirt dha - Urram nan Gàidheal.”

Am measg na feadhna eile a fhuair duaisean bha Art MacCarmaig a fhuair Sàr Dhuais na Gàidhlig airson na h-obrach ionmholta a tha e air a dhèanamh fad bhliadhnaichean a’ seasamh an àirde airson a’ chànain agus a’ freagairt chasaidean a bhios a’ nochdadh anns na meadhanan le argamaidean a tha gu math mionaideach agus puingeil.

Fhuair Pàdruig Moireasdan à Uibhist a Tuath, a tha na oileanach ann an Dùn Èideann, an Duais Tosgaire Òg na Bliadhna.

Chaidh Duaisean Gàidhlig na h-Alba a thòiseachadh leis a’ phàipear-naidheachd nàiseanta an Daily Record le taic bho Bhòrd na Gàidhlig ann an 2013 agus tha an tachartas cuideachd a’ faighinn taic bho HIE, Alba Chruthachail, MG ALBA agus am buidheann prìobhaideach Thorntons Investments. Tha liosta den fheadhainn a bhuannaich gu h-ìosal

**Duais airson Taic do dh'Ionnsachadh**

A’ Chomataidh aig Buidheann Disathairne

**An Duais Ealain is Chultarach**

Le taic bho Alba Chruthachail

Alex NicDhòmhnaill

**An Duais airson Tachartas**

Comunn Eachdraidh Nis

**An Duais Coimhearsnachd, Dualchais is Turasachd**

Le taic bho Iomairt na Gàidhealtachd is nan Eilean

Buidheann-leasachaidh Gàidhlig Fhìobha

**Sàr Dhuais na Gàidhlig**

Le taic bho Bhòrd na Gàidhlig

Art MacCarmaig

**An Duais Eadar-nàiseanta**

Le taic bho MG ALBA

Raibeart MacMhuirich

**An Duais airson Innleachdas ann am Foghlam Gàidhlig**

Lasadh

**Tosgaire Òg na Bliadhna**

Pàdruig Moireasdan

**Duais Eaconamach na Gàidhlig**

Le taic bho Thorntons Investments

Fèisean nan Gàidheal

**Urram nan Gàidheal**

An Dr Fionnlagh MacLeòid

**CRÌOCH**

**Airson tuilleadh fiosrachaidh mun bhrath-naidheachd seo cuiribh fios gu Murchadh Moireasdan, Manaidsear Conaltraidh agus Thachartasan aig Bòrd na Gàidhlig, air** **murchadh@gaidhlig.scot** **no 01463 225454 / 07525 893367**

 **Friday 17 November 2017**

**Lifetime Achievement award for Dr Finlay Macleod at Scottish Gaelic Awards**

The 5th Scottish Gaelic Awards were held at the Grand Central Hotel in Glasgow this week (Wednesday 15 November) with over 200 guests in attendance.

The main award of Lifetime Achievement was bestowed on Dr Finlay MacLeod from Lewis who is well known as an author, broadcaster, teacher and historian as well as having many other talents.

The award was presented to Dr MacLeod on behalf of Bòrd na Gàidhlig by Donald MacLeod, Board member of Bòrd na Gàidhlig who said “Dr Finlay has been involved from early on in key developments in Gaelic education, broadcasting, the arts, writing, publishing and much more. Dr Finlay has spent a lifetime studying many of the aspects of life in the Western Isles and he has worked tirelessly on a range of initiatives which have contributed to life in Lewis and further afield. He is an expert on a wide range of topics including chapels, healing wells, place-names, the Lewis Chessmen, island photography, archaeology, the land struggles and the place of religion and education in communities. Over the years Dr Finlay has provided many people with detailed information, advice and, most importantly, encouragement to pursue different projects. Dr Finlay and his wife Norma have welcomed many students, journalists and writers to their home where they provide support, guidance and friendship. Many individuals and groups have recognised the immense contribution Dr Finlay has made to Gaelic. Tonight we recognise the contribution he has made and we are delighted to present him with this Lifetime Achievement Award

Among the other award-winners were Arthur Cormack who was awarded the Best Contribution award which recognises his efforts in standing up to ill-informed and often incorrect media criticism of Gaelic while Pàdruig Morrison from Grimsay North Uist and who is a student in Edinburgh won the Young Gaelic Ambassador award.

The Scottish Gaelic Awards were first staged in 2013 by the Daily Record newspaper with support from Bòrd na Gàidhlig and support also comes from HIE, Creative Scotland, MG ALBA and the private sector company Thorntons Investments. The full list of winners can be seen below.

**Learner Award**

Organising Committee - Buidheann Disathairne

**Arts & Culture Award**

Sponsored by Creative Scotland

Alex MacDonald

**Event Award**

Comunn Eachdraidh Nis

**Community, Heritage & Tourism Award**

Sponsored by Highlands and Islands Enterprise

Fife Gaelic Development Group

**Best Contribution Award**

Sponsored by Bòrd na Gàidhlig

Arthur Cormack

**International Award**

Sponsored by MG ALBA

Robert Currie

**Innovation in Education Award**

Lasadh

**Young Gaelic Ambassador of the Year Award**

Pàdruig Morrison

**Gaelic as an Economic Asset Award**

Sponsored by Thorntons Investments

Fèisean nan Gàidheal

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Dr Finlay MacLeod

**END**

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