

ASSOCIATION FOR LITERATURE, ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE IN CANADA (ALECC) – funding sponsorship of inaugural national conference

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Cape Breton University's Canada Research Chair in Integrative Science Cheryl Bartlett was one of the funding partners for the inaugural conference of the Association for Literature, Environment and Culture in Canada (ALECC) that took place at Cape Breton University in August 2010. Mi'kmaw Elder Albert Marshall of Eskasoni welcomed participants to Mi'kmaw Territory; he also was a panelist in the opening session. There were more than 60 presentations and lively dialogue occurred on cultural, ecological and environmental matters. The conference also showcased poetry by several award winning poets who write about nature and the ecology. The inaugural ALECC conference was invited to Cape Breton by Dr. Afra Kavanagh, Assistant Professor in CBU's Department of Languages and Letters. Dr. Kavanagh was also a major organizer for the conference.

ALECC (Association for Literature, Environment, and Culture in Canada / Association pour la littérature, l'environnement et la culture au Canada) is an organization for the creation, appreciation, discussion, analysis, and dissemination of knowledge about the work of nature writers, environmental writers and journalists, eco-artists of all disciplines, ecocritics, and ecotheorists in Canada. Collectively they are interested in artistic, critical and cultural studies work on activism, animals, ecology, the environment,



environmental justice, geography, land, landscape, mountain literature and culture, nature and nature writing, natural history writing, plants, region, regionalism, the rural, sense of place, transborder environmental issues, wilderness and wilder places, and much more. More information can be found on their website at <http://www.alecc.ca/>.

ALECC has an online journal, "The Goose"; information is available at: <http://www.alecc.ca/goose.php>