



**Gerald L. Young
Book Award in Human Ecology**

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is presented to

**Pierre Laconte and Carole Hein (Eds.)
for their book**

***Brussels:
Perspectives on a European Capital***
published by Aliter (Brussels).

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**Huxley College of the Environment
Western Washington University
Bellingham, Washington, USA**

The book “Brussels: Perspectives on a European Capital” edited by Pierre Laconte and Carola Hein (Brussels: Aliter 2007), has shared the Society of Human Ecology’s 2008 Gerald L. Young Book Award in Human Ecology “for the best single book published in a calendar year”.

The Society for Human Ecology (SHE) is an international interdisciplinary professional society that promotes the use of an ecological perspective in research, education, and application. The Society holds regular conferences, conducts workshops and symposia, and co-sponsors a variety of related activities to further integrate work among professionals in fields pertaining to human ecology. It publishes the refereed Human Ecology Review, which is covered in ISI's Social Science Citation Index and Current Contents.

The award will be announced in the Human Ecology Review and at the XVIth SHE conference, to be held in Bellingham, WA, USA, September 10-13, 2008.

In his nomination, Professor Ian Douglas of the University of Manchester finds that the book effectively “[brings] together a group of political, administrative planning and architectural leaders to discuss the way in which Brussels has emerged from its historic and cultural heritage to become a dynamic forward looking city”. Professor Douglas goes on to commend how the book “[looks] at human ecology at different scales...it shows how the human ecology of a city is driven by a great variety of factors...this is a penetrating analysis that makes a notable contribution to human ecology”.

Dr Pierre Laconte is President, Foundation for the Urban Environment (www.ffue.org), President, International Society of City and Regional Planners (www.isocarp.org), and the European Environment Agency’s Scientific Committee member covering urban issues (www.eea.europa.eu). He was one of the three planners in charge of the master plan and the architectural coordination of Louvain-la-Neuve, the pedestrian new university town that was developed from 1968 by the Louvain University, near Brussels and won the 1982 Abercrombie Award of the International Union of Architects. His books include “Urban Change and Property Markets”, in French (1978 Crédit Communal Award) and several edited books.

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