NEW YORK—Marge Berer and Vaclav Smil are the co-winners of the 2007 Olivia Schieffelin Nordberg Award for excellence in writing and editing in the population sciences. The award will be presented at a reception at the Population Council in New York on July 9.

Created by her colleagues, friends, and family, the Award commemorates Dr. Nordberg, who played a leading role in information dissemination on international population issues over three decades as an editor, writer, and director of publications.

Given every two years, the Award recognizes one of the following achievements: writing on population that combines exceptional scholarship with appeal to a broad readership; or a record of editing technical material on population to make it accessible to varied audiences.

Marge Berer is the editor of the London-based journal *Reproductive Health Matters*, which is now in its 15th year. In founding *RHM*, Berer aimed to give voice to researchers and activists whose expertise provided invaluable insights on how to achieve sexual and reproductive health rights for all. Without sacrificing rigor, she has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to working with younger or less experienced researchers from the southern hemisphere and bringing their papers to publishable standard. In doing so, Berer has produced a journal with one of the most diverse contributor lists in the population field.

Berer was also one of the central actors in bringing about the shift in population policy adopted at the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). *RHM* has consistently provided a forum where the humane and progressive vision of the ICPD can be explored, expanded, and given a field-based reality.

Vaclav Smil is one of the most productive and relevant scholars writing about population issues today. As the author of more than 20 books, Smil demonstrates extraordinary range, and his interdisciplinary research encompasses a broad area of environmental, energy, food, economic, and public policy studies. His writings on population and the environment that sustains it, most notably his twin studies *The Next 50 Years: Fatal Discontinuities* and *The Next 50 Years: Unfolding Trends*, which appeared in the journal *Population and Development Review*, reflect encyclopedic erudition and a deep awareness of the historical and institutional contexts that frame today’s population issues. His work represents some of the most lucid, entertaining, and elegant writing in the population sciences today, and it is required reading for anyone seeking to understand how population dynamics play out on a global scale.

Smil has served on the faculty of the University of Manitoba, Canada, since 1972, and as Distinguished Professor since 1996. He received his Ph.D. in geography from Penn State University in 1971.

The decision to honor an editor and a writer this year recognizes the vital role both play in creating content that is accessible to an audience outside of the population field. The work of Berer and Smil explores the powerful link between population issues and the economic, cultural, reproductive, and political health of developed and developing nations—perhaps the single strongest argument for why writing in the population sciences deserves a broad and sustained readership.

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