

## Ivor Beatty Award for 2015

The Ivor Beatty Award is made annually to the paper judged by the Editor-in-Chief and the Managing Editors as the best paper published in *Pacific Conservation Biology* that year. The award honours the contributions of the late Ivor Beatty, AM, to conservation in the Pacific region. Ivor's family business Surrey Beatty and Sons published numerous books on natural history and conservation between 1981 and early this century, many of which have had a significant scientific impact. He founded *Pacific Conservation Biology* in 1992 (the first papers were published in 1993) and Surrey Beatty and Sons continued the journal until the end of 2014, with the family maintaining Ivor's legacy and vision after his passing in 2012. However, appreciating the difficulty of meeting the increasing services expected by authors in recent times, they transferred the journal to CSIRO Publishing from 2015. The Ivor Beatty Award recognises and celebrates this legacy.

In 2015 the Ivor Beatty Award is made to Dr Bayard Brattstrom (Fig. 1) for his paper 'Bárcena Volcano, 1952: a 60-year report on the repopulation of San Benedicto Island, Mexico, with a review of the ecological impacts of disastrous events.' (*Pacific Conservation Biology* **21**, 38–59, doi:10.1071/PC14903.)

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Fig. 1. Bayard Brattstrom, winner of the 2015 Ivor Beatty Award.

While there were many fine papers published in *Pacific Conservation Biology* in 2015, Dr Brattstrom's paper stood out for the significance of the long-term dataset presented. In recognition of the award Dr Brattstrom will receive a \$500 book voucher from the publisher, a certificate and a subscription to *Pacific Conservation Biology*. The staff at CSIRO Publishing and the editorial board join the Managing Editors and the Editor-in-Chief in congratulating Dr Brattstrom on his achievement.