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## Mather and Marble Gifts to Support Geography for Years to Come

emorial bequests recently established by Sandra Mather and Duane Marble will create living memorials that will actively support geography for years to come. These substantial gifts to the AAG by both Mather and Marble will



In the first of these programs, the AAG will establish the "The AAG John Russell Mather and Sandra Pritchard Mather Climatology Knowledge Environment," an interactive online resource available to climate researchers, students, educators, and geographers, worldwide. This is

and geographers worldwide. This interactive research environment is modeled in



Russ Mather



Sandra Mather

part on the types of online knowledge environments under development by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) for dynamic biological research fields.

The Mather Climatology Knowledge Environment will cross-link new and ongoing

research in the field with classics and legacy materials, including those of Russ Mather. It will also foster interaction and discussion among researchers and students in climatology regarding work-in-progress, new programs and projects, events, evolving databases, and so forth. The Mather Climatology Knowledge Environment, designed to



Duane Marble

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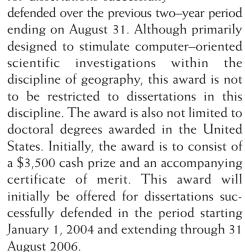
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meet the needs of the next generation of geographic scholars, is made possible by the generous financial support of Sandra Mather.

A second program, developed through a generous bequest by Duane Marble, will establish a general endowment fund whose proceeds will be utilized to

stimulate and reward scientific approaches to research in geography. Initially, two continuing awards will be established from the income derived from the Marble Fund for Geographic Science.

A best dissertation award for scientific research in the area of computational geography will be made every second year for dissertations successfully

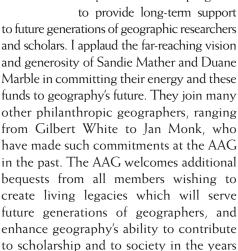


A second award for outstanding professional achievement in the area of geographic science will be made every fourth year. This award will recognize continuing research of the highest quality

in the area of geographic science and/or the successful design and execution of one or more substantial and highly innovative, real-world applications heavily based upon geographic science. Initially, the award will consist of a \$5,000 cash prize, a certificate of merit and a silver medal. The Marble Fund for Geographic Science

may, from time to time, be augmented by contributions from other sources if such should become available. Details regarding application procedures for these awards will be made available the AAG website (www.aag.org) shortly.

Both of these wonderful bequests will create programs



ahead. If you would like to discuss the

possibility of establishing a bequest at the

AAG, please contact me.



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### **Note: AAG Election Ballot is** enclosed at page 24.