

SNO~FOO AWARD



TO ERR IS HUMAN, TO FORGET IT WOULD BE DIVINE.

SNO-FOO 2017 – Michael Durand

The 2017 SNO-FOO award is presented to Dr. Michael Durand, Associate Professor in the School of Earth Science at The Ohio State University. Mike wins the award while simultaneously serving as President of the Eastern Snow Conference, a not-so-enviable feat!

Mike Durand is an exceptional collaborator. Enthusiastic to the core, and always willing to get stuck into an interesting problem. As a consequence, he is usually phenomenally busy. This was even more so the case in the months leading up to him obtaining tenure at The Ohio State University. We were very fortunate to spend some time with him at the Snow Grain Size Workshop in Grenoble, France, April 2013. This cozy meeting was focused on (and resulted in) making significant progress in measurement of snow microstructure, and its representation in radiative transfer modelling. In other words, bang on Mike's research interests. A critical meeting

Not wanting to abrogate his lecture responsibilities in favour of leisure time in the French Alps, he elected to spend the bare minimum of time away from his desk and planned to miss the first day of the meeting. We were somewhat surprised not to see Mike on day two though, Alas, a flight cancellation and a missed London to Grenoble train connection (by 5 minutes) meant that he ended up avoiding all of the science presentations. He did, however, make it in time for his transatlantic to consist of: a) a fun field trip to La Grave, and b) three hours of science discussion. This award is made in recognition of his dedication to his students, optimism in the face of adversity, and sheer persistence.

Presented by Melody Sandells