

**STABLEFORD, LOFFICIER, BLACK COAT PRESS**  
**WIN TOP FRENCH GENRE AWARD**

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Writer/translator Brian Stableford, editor/translators Jean-Marc & Randy Lofficier, and Black Coat Press have won a Special Award for their outstanding work in bringing French science fiction to the English-speaking public.

The award is part of the coveted Grand Prix de l'Imaginaire, the oldest and most prestigious genre award in France. Created in 1974, the "GPI" is given yearly by a jury of twelve professionals.

This award recognizes the unprecedented effort made by Black Coat Press, established in 2003 by the Lofficiers, to publish classic French science fiction in the United States. Competing for this special award were two other nominees, French anthologists Richard Comballot and Jean-François Thomas.

Heading the Black Coat Press releases for 2010 are Stableford's translations of a five-volume series of works by Maurice Renard and a seven-volume series of works by J.-H. Rosny Aîné, the two most important writers of Golden Age French SF after Jules Verne.

Amongst the other winners of the GPI this year are Jack O'Connell, Greg Egan, Ted Chiang, John Connolly and Warren Ellis.

The official site of the Grand Prix de l'Imaginaire is:  
<http://www.noosphere.org/gpi/index.php>

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