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Joe Coates joins Hazel Henderson and Jim Dator as futurists of the year.

The Foresight Network (www.shapingtomorrowmain.com), with over 2,400 members, and the largest network of its kind, has awarded three outstanding futures thinkers with the newly created ***Futurist of the Year Laurel***: Hazel Henderson, Jim Dator and Joe Coates.

The selection process has been simple, truly democratic and bottom-up: on becoming a Foresight Network member, every neophyte is asked whether s/he would like to name one or more futurists as having had important influences on them. Adding these individual mentions resulted in Henderson, Dator, and Coates coming out top.

'Consulting futurist' ***Joseph "Joe" Coates***' primary work is projects (200 proprietary reports), workshops, and briefings to business, associations, and governments. He is a frequent conference speaker and a prolific author (over 300 articles, chapters, papers, and five books). He is a columnist for *Technological Forecasting & Social Change* and *Employment Relations Today*, and serves on the editorial boards of nine publications. His futures concerns include science and technology, society at large, family, education and governance. A sample of past or present positions: fellow of the World Academy of Art & Science, Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board for a Polish forecasting center, President of the Kanawha Institute for the Study of the Future, Member of the Washington and the New York Academies of Sciences. For a decade, adjunct professor at the George Washington University. For five years he had a public radio program on the future.

Hazel Henderson, D.Sc.Hon., FRSA, is an evolutionary economist, advocate for equitable ecologically and sustainable human development, and the founder and president of Ethical Markets Media, USA and Brazil (www.ethicalmarkets.com). She has written nine books, including the award-winning *Ethical Markets: Growing the Green Economy*, and her editorials are syndicated by InterPress Service. She co-developed the widely used alternative to GNP, the

Calvert-Henderson Quality of Life Indicators, regularly updated at www.calvert-henderson.com. She serves on editorial boards for journals such as *Futures Research Quarterly* and *The State of the Future Report* and advisory boards such as the Instituto Ethos, the World Business Academy, the Climate Prosperity Alliance and, previously, the World Watch Institute (1975-2001). Henderson is an Honorary Member of the Club of Rome, shared the 1996 Global Citizen Award with Nobelist A. Perez Esquivel, and is a Fellow to Britain's Royal Society of Arts.

Jim Dator, PhD, is Professor and Director of the Hawaii Research Center for Futures Studies, Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii at Manoa, a premier futures-oriented academic research institute, particularly concerned with Pacific hemisphere futures. He served as President/Secretary General of the World Futures Studies Federation 1983-1993 and was on the executive council of the World Academy of Art & Science; he serves on the editorial boards of *Foresight*, *Futures*, *Intergenerational Justice Review*, *Journal of Futures Studies*, *On the Horizon*, *Technological Forecasting & Social Change*, and *World Future Review*. He is much occupied with trajectories in governance, space, ethics, and law and justice; with educating and preparing for the futures, and the futures of education itself; his TV and other media presentations have targeted the general public.

Myles Hopkins, Chairman of the Foresight Network, said "It is fitting that Joe has now joined Hazel and Jim in being chosen by fellow futurists as the first 'Laurels' awarded by members. These three have contributed so much to the field of futures thinking and it's an honor for me to present them with this recognition. We look forward to name three more outstanding individuals in the beginning of next year, and are in the meantime preparing a Hall of Fame including past luminaries."

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