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2008 Prize Winner: Dr. Jean-Loïc Le Quellec

• Born in 1951
• Doctorate from the Université de Pans I – Panthéon-Sorbonne (Anthropology, Ethnology, Prehistory)
• Vice-president of the Société de Mythologie française (Society of French Mythology)
• Director of Research at the CNRS (« National Center of Scientific Research »)
• Researcher at the Institut français d'Afrique du Sud (IFAS) (« French Institute of South Africa » in Johannesburg

Description of Project Winning The Burkhart Prize:

• The Burkhart Prize was given to Jean-Loïc Le Quellec to help him complete his study on cave paintings of Tassili (Algeria).

• The specific objectives of this fundamental research leading to a better knowledge of cave paintings from the Sahara and neolithic societies of North Africa are the following: physico-chemical analysis of these art works (characterizing pigments, binding materials, determining painting techniques, dating, photographing figures of each area in 3D; constitution of an important data base. This is a fundamental inventory and analysis task so as to constitute a corpus for the international community of anthropologists and specialists in pre-history.

• The Prize is meant to provide major encouragement for research dealing with North African cave art.