

## Announcements

### *GAINS Advisory Board Member Diane Ackerman receives the ORION MAGAZINE 2008 ORION BOOK AWARD*

Diane Ackerman's *The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story* (W. W. Norton) has been selected to receive the 2008 Orion Book Award, which is conferred annually to a book that deepens our connection to the natural world, presents new ideas about our relationship with nature, and achieves excellence in writing.

"*The Zookeepers Wife* is a groundbreaking work of nonfiction," said selection committee member Mark Kurlansky, "in which the human relationship to nature is explored in an absolutely original way through looking at the Holocaust." Kathleen Dean Moore, the committee's chairperson, said: "A few years ago, 'nature' writers were asking themselves, How can a book be at the same time a work of art, an act of conscientious objection to the destruction of the world, and an affirmation of hope and human decency? *The Zookeeper's Wife* answers this question."

