

## COMMITTEE OF PROVINCIAL GEOLOGISTS CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 1999

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The Committee of Provincial Geologists (CPG) met three times: in Vancouver in January 1999 (Cordilleran Roundup); in Toronto in March 1999 (PDAC); and in Charlottetown in September 1999 (Energy and Mines Ministers Conference). Each of these meetings involved, or immediately preceded, a meeting that included our colleagues from the Geological Survey of Canada (Natural Resources Canada) under the auspices of the National Geological Surveys Committee (NGSC).

CPG is involved in a number of activities, many in collaboration with the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC), including: a) Team Canada marketing displays at the Annual Meeting of the Prospectors and Developers Association, in Toronto; b) participation on an industry-lead task force, appointed by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Mineral Industry, to address "Funding Government Geological Surveys: How Much Is Enough?"; c) an initiative to provide digital access to pan-Canadian geoscience information via the Internet, referred as the National Geoscience Knowledge Network; d) establishment of national geoscience priorities to guide national geoscience planning; and e) the establishment of a NGSC Liaison position, residing in the GSC.

At the September 1999 Energy and Mines Ministers Conference in Prince Edward Island, the inaugural Provincial Geologists Medal was presented to Bruce Ryan, a senior geoscientist with the Geological Survey of the Newfoundland Department of Mines and Energy. Bruce was recognized for his contributions to the understanding of the geological evolution of Labrador.

Jan Boon very ably Chaired the CPG for the past 1.5 years, until September 1999. Subsequently, Jan Boon accepted a secondment opportunity with the GSC, as the NGSC Liaison person and will be based in Ottawa. This position was previously very capably filled by Mike Cherry who made many significant contributions and helped build the trust and collaboration between the GSC and CPG organizations. The secondment opportunity became available when Mike Cherry moved to Nova Scotia (see below). The liaison position was established by NGSC within the GSC in recognition of the importance of the collaboration between the GSC and the provincial/territorial geological surveys. The position provides ongoing advice to the GSC Chief Geoscientist and Director Generals regarding the requirements of the Intergovernmental Geoscience Accord and subsidiary agreements vis-à-vis GSC policy development and decision making that affect Provincial/Territorial geological survey mandates and obligations. This function will help ensure communication and awareness between the managers and scientific staff of the GSC and provincial/territorial geological surveys.

CPG received three new faces this year: 1) Mike Cherry joined as Director of the Nova Scotia Mineral and Energy Resources Division; 2) Rick Richardson joined as senior Team Leader, Alberta Geological Survey, following the secondment of Jan Boon to the GSC; 3) Gordon MacKay joined as the Assistant Director, Minerals, Oil & Gas, Nunavut Resources, Wildlife & Economic Development.

During the past year, NGSC established a set of national geoscience needs, summarized below. These needs will help guide the GSC in setting its program priorities.

The report on "Funding Government Geological Surveys: How Much Is Enough?", prepared by an industry-lead task force, appointed by the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Mineral Industry, is included in the Appendix. A key challenge facing NGSC during the up-coming year is the development of a national geoscience mapping strategy.

Once again, British Columbia professionally produced the 1999 Provincial Geologists Journal.

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