

Il nous faut encore une fois cette année remercier la Colombie-Britannique et plus particulièrement Ron Smyth et Brian Grant pour l'excellent travail accompli par l'équipe.

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## **Committee of Provincial Geologists Chairperson's Report 2001**

The Committee of Provincial Geologists (CPG) brings together representatives from each provincial and territorial agency conducting geoscientific activities in Canada. Represented organizations are the main suppliers of geoscience data for the mineral and petroleum industries. The committee offers an opportunity to exchange information on topics of common interest. Moreover, the committee maintains close ties with its federal counterpart, the Geological Survey of Canada, through the National Geological Surveys Committee (NGSC). These exchanges help ensure the complementary nature of projects, and maximum benefits for all stakeholders.

The CPG held two regular meetings during the year 2001. The first took place in Toronto, in conjunction with the annual convention of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada. The second was held in September in Québec City, in conjunction with the Mines and Energy Ministers Conference. Both CPG meetings were immediately followed by a meeting with federal partners (NGSC).

Throughout the year, the main topics of discussion were as follows:

### ***The Targeted Geoscience Initiative***

The federal government announced in March 2000, the allocation of \$15 million over three years to maintain Canada's geoscience infrastructure. Since this program is based on a partnership involving the provinces/territories and the federal government, members of the CPG were called on once again in 2001, namely to develop and assess project proposals.

### ***The Intergovernmental Geoscience Accord***

The National Geological Surveys Committee (NGSC) agreed to extend for an additional year the principles and mechanisms for cooperation outlined in the Intergovernmental Geoscience Accord. The initial agreement, originally covering a five-year period, was signed in 1996, and was scheduled to end in September 2001.

### ***The National Groundwater Strategy***

The NGSC, through a letter signed by the two co-chairmen representing the CPG and its federal counterpart, expressed to the *ad hoc* national committee on groundwater its desire to be involved in this exploratory process launched by the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC).

### ***The future of the Canadian National Mapping Program (NATMAP)***

This issue was discussed with the federal government during a meeting of the NGSC. The partners agreed to favour, within the framework of existing programs, the implementation of NATMAP-type multi-disciplinary projects.

### ***Cooperative Geological Mapping Strategies across Canada***

In September 2000, the federal, provincial and territorial ministers of Mines endorsed the document entitled "*Cooperative Geological Mapping Strategies across Canada*" prepared by the NGSC. CPG members have been promoting, over the past four years, cooperative strategies in their respective jurisdictions and with the federal government.

### ***The Canadian Geoscience Knowledge Network (CGKN)***

The CPG is an active contributor to the Canadian Geoscience Knowledge Network. The highlight of the past year is a \$290 000 grant awarded by GeoConnections, a federal agency. The principal project currently underway is the Canadian Geoscience Data Catalogue, scheduled for release in January 2002.

*The Provincial Geologists Medal*

On September 10, 2001, during the Mines and Energy Ministers Conference, the Provincial Geologists Medal was awarded to Mr. Mark Fedikow of the Manitoba Geological Survey.

*The Provincial Geologists Journal*

We must once again thank the British Columbia Survey, and in particular, Ron Smyth and Brian Grant for the excellent work they and their team have accomplished in assembling the document.

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