

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The 64th annual meeting of the Eastern Snow Conference was held in St. Johns, Newfoundland from May 28th to June 1st, 2007. This year ESC was fortunate to be small part of this historic first joint meeting hosted by the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographically Society (CMOS) and the Canadian Geophysical Society (CGU). The American Meteorological Society (AMS) was also a meeting sponsor. Conference participants could not help but come away quite impressed with both the wonderful city of St. Johns, but also the breadth and quality of the research in the geosciences currently happening in Canada, especially in areas related to snow.

The ESC sponsored several snow-related sessions including those on *Snow Cover & Climate, Remote Sensing of Snow Cover, Snowfall and Snow Cover Measurements* and *Snow Processes Measurements and Modelling*. In addition, the conference had numerous other sessions of interest to snow scientists including sessions on glaciers and ice sheets, sea ice and of course hydrology much of which had a strong emphasis on snow.

At this year's meeting, the Campbell Scientific (Canada) Award was presented to Gro Lilbaek, a student at the University of Saskatchewan, for her paper entitled *Ion enrichment of snowmelt runoff water caused by basal ice formation*, which employed a novel experimental setup. This year the Wiesnet medal for best student paper was not awarded, but we hope that it can be awarded at next year's meeting.

According to Miles Ecclestone, this meeting marks another first – the first time the ESC has met in Newfoundland. As a geographer, I would also like to note that it also marks the farthest east in North America the Eastern Snow Conference has met.

The organization continues to be quite healthy, both fiscally and in our numbers. The ESC should be proud that it continues to draw a number of snow scientists from outside of Eastern North America and I hope this trend continues.

It was noted in last year's presidential page that the Eastern Snow Conference Proceedings have been published for 63 years. Efforts by Susan Frankenstein and Robert Hellström continue this wonderful tradition and John Pomeroy continues at the helm of producing our special ESC issue in Hydrological Sciences. Miles Ecclestone is hard at work to ensure that in the near future the entire archive of ESC Proceedings will be available electronically. I would also like to thank the organization's two Secretary-Treasurers, Derrill Cowing and Miles Ecclestone, for making the ESC run so smoothly.

This year's conference could not have been a success without the efforts of the Vice-President and Program Chair Chris Derksen and the local arrangements committee of John Pomeroy and Jim Buttle who represented the ESC well in handling the complex arrangements of a joint large meeting.

I invite you to attend the 65th meeting of the Eastern Snow Conference to be May 28-30, 2008, in Fairlee (Lake Morey), Vermont. Please check out our website, www.easternsnow.org, for up-to-date details of this meeting.

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