

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Once again, the Annual Eastern Snow Conference was a highlight of the cryospheric sciences meetings calendar. The 67th annual meeting was held at Hancock, Massachusetts, nestled in the delightful Berkshires. The theme of the meeting, "*Here today gone tomorrow, the Eastern North America Cryosphere*" consisted of 49 excellent presentations. Our 53 attendees stayed on site at the Jiminy Peak Mountain Resort, which provided superb hospitality and a picturesque venue for the meeting. Thank you to all the presenters and attendees for making the meeting a huge success.

Vice President and program chair Mauri Pelto put together a fine program. There were 25 high quality oral presentations in seven non-concurrent sessions and an ongoing interactive poster session that featured 24 excellent posters. Each poster presenter was allotted a couple of minutes during the first day to present their poster. Thanks to Mauri Pelto of the local arrangements committee for selecting a great venue and for managing the meeting with such aplomb. This year, once again, we were to have a mid-conference tour during the late afternoon of the first day of talks. This was to have been to the Zephyr wind turbine at the resort, which provides about one third of the resort's annual energy. Unfortunately, the weather was unkind and it was rained off. However, we did hear from Jiminy Peak CEO Brian Fairbank what can be achieved when community, local industry, municipal, and state funding agencies come together behind an environmentally sustainable approach to energy generation in the ski industry sector. We were treated to a fascinating post-banquet presentation by Austin Hogan on early Antarctic research.

As always, student participation is a crucial component of the ESC and the 67th Annual Meeting was no exception. Student research is acknowledged with three awards: the Wiesnet Award is given to the best student paper, the Campbell Scientific (Canada) award is given to students registered at a Canadian higher education who demonstrate innovative technical expertise in data collection, and the David Hewitt Miller Award is presented for the best student poster presentation. This year the Wiesnet Award was presented to Simon von de Wall (University of Victoria, British Columbia) and the David Hewitt Miller Award to Nicolas Svacina (University of Waterloo, Ontario). On a lighter note, the Annual Sno-Foo is presented to a distinguished snow scientist who, in striving for excellence in snow research, contributes to an event of notable humour. This year's winner was a student, from the University of Waterloo, Ontario, for their notable mastery of a snow machine.

This year is the second year that you will be reading this on a DVD, or after the 2011 meeting, online via the ESC website (www.easternsnow.org). Susan Frankenstein and Rob Hellström continue to provide exceptional leadership in producing the ESC Proceedings each year. The entire back catalogue of Proceedings is now being made available online at the ESC website. Once again, many thanks and kudos to Andrew Klein and Miles Ecclestone for coordinating this effort. We continue to produce an annual special issue of Hydrological Processes that further highlights the research conducted by ESC members. This year, the special issue shepherding has been taken over from our long-standing editors, John Pomeroy and Andrew Klein. We thank them for their generous and dedicated service. Mauri Pelto and Richard Kelly are now organizing this aspect and it is anticipated that an injection of fresh blood into the process will help to continue to expedite this important element of the Conferences activities.

The ongoing success of the ESC depends on extensive behind-the-scenes efforts by our volunteer executives. Notable thanks are due to Miles Ecclestone and Derrill Cowing, our Canadian and American secretary treasurers, who ensure the financial stability of the ESC and always contribute significantly to the organization of the annual meeting.

I'd like to invite you to the 2011 Eastern Snow Conference to be held at the McGill University Faculty Club, McGill University, Montreal, QC, from 14–16 June 2011. The conference has not been held in Montreal since 1985, when one W. Peter Adams was the ESC president. With Jim Buttle (Trent University) as the program chair and the local arrangements committee's efforts spearheaded by Ross Brown (Environment Canada/Ouranos), the meeting is likely to be a lively one. A special session this year will focus on "*Cryospheric controls on biogeochemical processes.*" Students are encouraged to enter the ESC Student Paper Competitions. Please continue to check the ESC website for further information.

I wish you a safe and successful field season. Thank you for supporting the Eastern Snow Conference and I look forward to seeing you next year in Montreal.

Richard Kelly
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