

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The Annual Eastern Snow Conference is always a highlight of the cryospheric sciences meetings calendar. The 68th annual meeting was held at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec in the heart of the busy metropolis. The meeting consisted of 59 excellent presentations and 71 attendees. The meeting was held in the McGill Faculty Club. This was a quaint, stylish setting amidst the bustle of Montreal. Our attendees stayed at two local hotels within a couple blocks of the club. Thank you to all the presenters and attendees for making the meeting a huge success.

Vice President and program chair Jim Buttle put together a fine program. There were 34 high quality oral presentations in seven non-concurrent sessions and an ongoing interactive poster session that featured 25 excellent posters. Each poster presenter was allotted a couple of minutes during the first day to present their poster.

As always, student participation is a crucial component of the ESC and the 68th 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 Kathryn Semmens (Lehigh University) and Nora Casson (Trent University) the runner up. The David Hewitt Miller Best Student Poster Award winner was Keith Musselman (UCLA) and Andrew Karsuak (University of Waterloo) was runner up. Matthew Beaulieu (Environment Canada) was the Campbell Scientific Prize winner.

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 Ken Rancourt, former ESC President and with the Mount Washington Observatory in New Hampshire, for misadventures with a snowcat.

This year is the second year that you will be reading this on a DVD, or after the 2012 meeting, online via the ESC website (www.easternsnow.org). Susan Frankenstein and Alex Langlois provided exceptional leadership in producing the 68th ESC Proceedings, thanks to Rob Hellstrom for many years of leadership with this. 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 for the 67th meeting was published in HP in June 2011 and the editors anticipate a May 2012 publication for the 68th meeting. The editors have 16 papers under review, the highest number in many years. Mauri Pelto and Richard Kelly are the editors and look to continue to expedite this important element of the Conferences activities.

The ongoing success of the ESC is dependent 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 2012 Eastern Snow Conference to be held at the Frost Valley, Clayville, NY, from 5-7 June 2011. With Rob Hellstrom (Bridgewater State University) as the program chair and the local arrangements committee's efforts spearheaded by Alan Frei (Hunter College, CUNY, New York) the meeting is likely to be a lively one and not frosty in the least. 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 Frost Valley.

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