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## LE BULLETIN DE L'UNION GÉOPHYSIQUE CANADIENNE

### President's Column

Colleagues and friends,

It was a pleasure to meet with many of you at our Annual meeting last month, and great to be back in CGU's "home town" venue of Banff. We enjoyed welcoming colleagues from the Canadian Society of Agricultural and Forest Meteorology to our stimulating and successful meeting. This year's Banff meeting was attended by 200 registrants, providing about 60 talks and posters daily over our 3-day meeting, in addition to the President's Plenary Session and a special lecture by our Tuzo Wilson medalist. We had a rich program of special sessions in all of our CGU section areas, including Hydrology, Geodesy, Solid Earth, and Biogeosciences. It is particularly satisfying to see the growth of interest in our new CGU sections (Solid Earth and Biogeosciences), as the development of new sections enriches our meetings and membership base and will help ensure the long-term health of CGU. We also enjoyed a number of social functions at the meeting, including the Icebreaker reception, a traditional Western Canadian Barbecue (complete with line dancing!), and the CGU Awards Banquet. Special thanks to Rod Blais, Holger Steffen and Ed Krebes for their hard work in organizing a successful scientific program and an enjoyable meeting.

I know you will join me in congratulating our CGU award winners on the well-deserved recognition

they have been given for their accomplishments. We congratulate our Tuzo Wilson Medalist, Fred Cook, our Young Scientist awardee, Michael Riedel, and the CGU Meritorious Service awardee, Masaki Hayashi. We also congratulate the winners of the student paper awards, who inspire us with their promise of many stimulating scientific developments to come in the future. We thank Hugh Geiger, Cherie Westbrook, and their hard-working volunteer committees who judged the posters and presentations. We welcome Brian Branfireun as the new Vice-President of CGU, along with our new Treasurer Richard Petrone. We thank outgoing Treasurer Kathy Young for all her hard work on our behalf, and also past-President John Pomeroy, who concluded his "tour of duty" on the Executive Committee. And we offer our special thanks to Spiros Pagiatakis, our outgoing CGU President, for his guidance and dedication to CGU over the last two years. He will be a tough act to follow!

We continue to work on building the connections between CGU and our sister societies. One way we do this is through building the Canadian Societies for the Geophysical Sciences, inviting in new member societies to help provide a strong voice for our science; we also partner with sister societies to work on specific initiatives. Another way we build bridges is through joint meetings. We are pleased to be working with the Canadian Water Resources Association on a joint annual meeting in Banff for 2012, and in 2013 we will be meeting with the





































































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