

## **CGRG NEWSLETTER NO. 4 (January 1996)**

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### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

**I would like to welcome the new CGRG members who have joined our organisation over the past year and wish all of our membership the verybest in 1996.**

**Who are the members of CGRG? Our mailing list gives a reasonable indication of the geographic distribution and the professional affiliation of our membership. There are 121 Canadian and 7 foreign members (from the US, UK and Fiji). All regions of the country are represented, breaking down as: Ontario (42), British Columbia (28), Quebec (22), Prairies (16), Maritimes (11) and the Territories (2). Concerning professional affiliation, about 50% of the members are associated with academia, 22% with various government agencies, and 12% with industry. We could not identify the affiliation of about 16% of our membership who used their home address.**

**The continuing goal of CGRG is to promote geomorphology and the interests of geomorphologists. Our annual meeting this year will beheld jointly with the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) in Saskatoon (see the attached advertisement, and if possible post this omewhere). It looks like the meeting will be a good one, I hope to see many of you there.**

**One of the issues that we will be discussing at the annual meetings is the question of professional registration and its implications for our membership. Several provinces already have professional geoscience registration in place and a number of you are registered. The CGRG Executive is creating a committee to advise us on this matter. The issue is not an easy one to come to grips with, but the 'ostrich option' is not palatable- all geomorphologists and particularly academic programs will have to deal with it eventually. For this reason, the topic will also be the subject of discussion at a CGRG regional meeting to be held in southern Ontario in early spring 1996 (see the announcement below).**

**May all of you find 1996 to be a rewarding year, one of personal and professional growth.**

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**Je voudrais d'abord vous souhaiter une bonne annie et la bien venueaux nouveaux membres du Groupe Canadien de Recherches de Giomorphologie.**

Qui sont nos membres et d'où viennent-ils? Notre liste d'adresses fournit une description de la distribution géographique de l'adhésion et ses affiliations. Il y a 128 membres dont 121 viennent du Canada et 7 de pays étrangers (E.-U., R.U. et Fidji). Toutes les régions du Canada sont représentées. L'Ontario compte 42, la Colombie-Britannique 28, le Québec 22, les Prairies 16, les Maritimes et les Territoires 2. Quelques 50% viennent du milieu académique, 22% d'agences gouvernementales et 12% de l'industrie. Les derniers 16% de nos membres ont donné leur adresse ` domicile alors il nous était impossible de déterminer leur affiliation. Nous mettrons une case dans nos prochaines fiches d'inscription afin d'identifier l'origine de nos membres.

L'objectif permanent du CGRG est de promouvoir la géomorphologie et les intérêts des géomorphologues. Notre réunion annuelle aura lieu au printemps 1996 ` Saskatoon conjointement avec celle de l'Association Canadienne des Géographes (voir l'annonce ci-jointe et S.V.P., l'afficher). Il semble que la réunion s'annonce bien et j'espère y rencontrer plusieurs d'entre vous.

Un des sujets qui sera abordé lors de la réunion annuelle sera la question de l'accréditation professionnelle et ce que cela peut apporter ` notre adhésion. Plusieurs provinces ont déjà une accréditation professionnelle en géoscience et plusieurs d'entre vous sont accrédités. Le CGRG va créer un comité pour étudier cette question. Le sujet n'est pas facile ` cerner mais la politique de l'Australie n'est pas acceptable car nous devons y faire face éventuellement. Voilà pourquoi la question sera aussi abordée ` la réunion du CGRG qui aura lieu dans le sud de l'Ontario au début du printemps 1996 (voir l'annonce ci-jointe).

Que l'année 1996 en soit une de succès personnels et professionnels.

Paul Egginton

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## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

**CGRG Special Session - Annual meeting, Western Division,  
Canadian Association of Geographers,  
University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Alberta,  
March 8 and 9, 1996**

The CGRG is hosting a special session at the Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographers, annual meeting at the University of Lethbridge, March 8-9, 1996. While the paper deadline is January 26, 1996, and may have

passed before you received this newsletter, CGRG members are invited to attend this conference. Anyone wanting further information about this session is invited to contact the organizer Dan Smith (smith@uvvm.uvic.ca) for details. Further information about the meeting can be obtained from Tom Johnston, Department of Geography, University of Lethbridge (johnston@hg.uleth.ca).

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**Ontario Association of Geomorphologists (Regional CGRG)  
Spring Meeting, late March or early April**

**Preliminary notice:**

The regular annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Geomorphologists will be hosted at the Department of Geography, University of Western Ontario. This year it is being promoted as a regional meeting of the CGRG.

**Issues:**

We think that it is time for concerted thought and action on some pressing issues related to geomorphology research and practice in Ontario and in the country as a whole. These issues include the state of federal and provincial funding, the (shrinking?) proportion of these funds allocated to geomorphology research, future research directions to enhance competitiveness, the position of geomorphologists in the move towards professional registration of earth scientists, the role of geomorphologists in the certification of 'applied geomorphology' practice, and the need for collaborative and cooperative action in all of these very important issues.

**Format and Topics:**

The conference will emphasize structured discussion and invited presentations on these issues. There will also be plenty of time for open, informal discussion among academic and non-academic geomorphologists, professionals from related disciplines, and students.

The exact content and format have not been decided. We welcome general comments and ideas on the format and content of the conference from perspective participants.

**Research activity:**

Reports of current research will be presented in a (very) informal poster session, with the emphasis on content rather than style. Posters may be as simple as one

or two graphics of recent results supplemented by a brief commentary. The intent is to make the conference aware of the range of recent research, while allowing time for detailed questions and discussion among participants.

Timing:

The meeting will be held in late March or early April. We are currently canvassing opinions on the exact dates. Announcement of exact date, time and location will occur the usual ways, but also will be posted on the CANGEORG list. We expect that the conference will be one day in length, unless it becomes clear that this is an inadequate time frame.

For further information contact the organizers: Peter Ashmore or Chris Smart - at the University of Western Ontario, Department of Geography (E-mail: ashmore@sscl.uwo.ca or smart@sscl.uwo.ca).

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**Joint CAG/CGRC Meeting,  
University of Saskatchewan, May 11-16, 1996**

In addition to the previously announced special sessions on the Palliser Triangle and Aeolian Environments (see advertisement in this newsletter), CGRG members are invited to submit titles and abstracts for a general geomorphology session at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, May 11-16, 1996. The hope is that we can collect papers representing all fields of geomorphology, for presentation at a time which will not conflict with the other geomorphology special sessions. Posters are welcome and student participation is encouraged.

If you would like to present a geomorphology paper in the CGRG general session, please contact Dan Smith (smith@uvvm.uvic.ca) as soon as possible. It would be appreciated if a title and an electronic copy of the abstract could be sent to Dan before February 16, 1996. Be sure to indicate whether you wish to present a poster or a paper. If you have already submitted an abstract to the CAG organization committee and wish to present in the CGRG session, please let Dan know.

Note that you are still required to submit your abstract to the local CAG organization committee by February 16, 1996. Anyone requiring additional conference information should contact Lawrence Martz (martz@sask.usask.ca).

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**Climatic Change- The Karst Record  
University of Bergen, Department of Geology,  
Bergen, Norway, 1-4 August, 1996**

**Karst systems are a unique source of paleoclimatic information. A symposium devoted to this theme is being held at the University of Bergen, Department of Geology, Bergen, Norway, 1-4 August, 1996. The conference is being sponsored by the University of Bergen, and the Karst Waters Institute. Important deadlines are March 1, 1996 for abstracts and May 1, 1996 for registration and excursion fees. For more information contact: S. E. Lauritzen, Department of Geology, Bergen University, Allegaten, 41, N-5007, Bergen, Norway, FAX: 47 55 32 44 16, Email: Stein.Lauritzen@geol.uib.no.**

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**CGRG Annual Meeting, GAC/MAC97  
Ottawa, Ontario, May 19-21, 1997**

**The 1997 CGRG annual meeting will be held under the umbrella of the GAC/MAC Ottawa97 meeting to be held May 19-21, 1997 at the Ottawa Congress Centre, Ottawa, Ontario. The CGRG will be sponsoring two related events at this meeting which are described immediately below. We hope that many of our members will be able to attend this meeting.**

**CGRG will be sponsoring a symposium on The engineering geomorphology of landslides in Eastern North America to be organized by Steve Evans, Jan Aylsworth and Ted Lawrence, Terrain Sciences Division, Geological Survey of Canada. This will be a full-day event consisting of approximately 15 invited papers from Canadian and American landslide specialists. The papers will cover a broad range of landslide topics reflecting the wide range of landslide styles in the different physiographic regions of eastern North America. Offshore submarine landslides will also be included. A particular highlight will be several papers that examine aspects of the sensitive marine clay landslides which represent a major geohazard locally in the Ottawa Valley-St. Lawrence Lowlands region.**

**>Also being sponsored is a one day field trip examining the slope stability and settlement problems in sensitive marine clay, Ottawa Valley hosted by, the same, Jan Aylsworth, Ted Lawrence and Steve Evans. This field trip will examine issues associated with the geotechnically +sensitive+ Champlain Sea marine clays which are widespread in the local Ottawa area. Participants will see examples of differential settlement and slope instability problems at scales ranging from minor slumps to large scale rapid flowslides. The trip will include stops at several historic failures along the South Nation River (including the 1993 Lemieux**

landslide), the disastrous 1908 Notre Dame de la Salette landslide along the Lievre River, the 1973 Chelsea landslide, and several large, early Holocene failures. Presentations will be made at each stop addressing failure mechanisms, critical geological conditions, and slide morphology, as well as various risk management/bank stabilization programs and controversies.

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**Fourth I.A.G. International Conference,  
Boulogne, Italy, August 28- September 3, 1997**

The Fourth I.A.G. International Conference is scheduled for Boulogne, Italy, August 28 to September 3, 1997. We hope to have more information on this conference in our next newsletter.

For further information contact : Prof. Mario Panizza, Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra, Universita di Modena, piazza S. Eufemia, 19, I-41100 Modena, Italie. Fax:39-59-223605.

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**REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF GEOMORPHOLOGISTS**

1. Regular reports on the activities of the I.A.G. are appearing in Zeitschrift fur Geomorphologie, Earth Surface Processes and Landforms, Geomorphology, Transactions of the Japanese Geomorphological Union and Revue de Geomorphologie Dynamique. Check there for details.

2. At the forthcoming I.A.G. Regional Conference in Hungary, April 9-15, 1996, preliminary discussions will be held about: (a) nominations for a new I.A.G. Executive to take office at Bologna in September, 1997, and (b) possible locations for the 5th International Conference in 2001.

(a) With respect to nominations the following positions will be vacant:

**Vice President  
Executive Secretary  
Publications Officer  
Treasurer  
2 Executive Members-at-Large**

Because Olav Slaymaker is already on the executive and will become President in 1997, we cannot nominate any Canadian candidates; however, the CGRG Executive would like to hear of Canadian nominations of or support for foreign candidates (at this stage, we will only know who they may be from personal contacts). In this way, the CGRG President will be able to use our vote at the I.A.G. Bologna meeting with some knowledge of Canadian geomorphologists' wishes.

(b) It is anticipated that there will be invitations to host the 5th International Conference in 2001 from Australia/New Zealand, China, Japan, and probably one or more European countries. Again, the CGRG Executive would like to learn of your preferences so that it may be reflected in our vote at the 1997 I.A.G. Bologna meeting.

3. Any information received by April 1 will be useful to the preliminary discussion on these I.A.G. matters at the 1996 regional meeting in Hungary. The formal call for nominations and invitations will go out thereafter. Please send your comments to Olav Slaymaker (olav@unixg.ubc.ca).

Olav Slaymaker

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## SOME INTERESTING INTERNET SITES

### AQQUA

L' AQQUA a une entree sur le reseau INTERNET, par l' entremise du reseau de la Commission geologique du Canada. Elle comprend la liste des membres (l'adresse postale et electronique ainsi que l'affiliation sont laisses ` la discretion des membres). Le Bulletin de l'AQQUA (3 numiros/an). Les activitis se rapportant au Quaternaire et ` la geomorphologie du Quebec.

L' adresse INTERNET pour l'AQQUA est: <http://sts.gsc.emr.ca/>

Puis allez ` Related sites ou Francais puis Sites connexes

Le responsable de la page INTERNET pour l' AQQUA est Robert Bilanger, Commission geologique du Canada.

Quaternary Sciences Institute

The Quaternary Sciences Institute, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Waterloo, has a WWW site at: <http://www.science.uwaterloo.ca/earth/qs/qs.html>

**Geological Association of Canada**

**The WWW homepage of the Geological Association of Canada  
is: <http://sparky2.esd.mun.ca:80/~gac/>**

**Polish Geomorphology WWW site**

**The Association of Polish Geomorphologists has launched two separate, automatic and free link pages relating to karstological (surficial) and speleological (underground) features on the WWW. You can reach these pages at: <http://hum.amu.edu.pl/~sgp/hotspe.htm>**

**They would welcome any comments. For more information contact:**

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URL: <http://hum.amu.edu.pl/~sgp/welcome.html>**

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**THE CANGEORG DISCUSSION LIST**

**(CAN-adian GEO-morphology R-earch G-roup)**

**CANGEORG is an electronic mail distribution list intended for CGRG members. It is anticipated that CANGEORG will enable CGRG members to forward or post items of interest to the Canadian geomorphology community. These are likely to include topical issues, job advertisements, conference announcements, notices of specialized course, postgraduate opportunities and funding opportunities.**

**1) Joining CANGEORG:**

**Members of the CGRG are invited to join CANGEORG by e-mailing the following command to:**

**listserv@uvvm.uvic.ca:  
SUBscribe CANGEORG your name  
e.g., sub cangeorg John Doe**

**After sending this message to the University of Victoria listserver, a confirmation message will be returned. Included within this message are instructions for replying to messages and how to unsubscribe from the list.**

**2)**

**Sending messages to CANGEORG for distribution: Members of CANGEORG wishing to distribute a message to members of the list should e-mail it to:  
cangeorg@uvvm.uvic.ca**

**Once received by the University of Victoria listserver, the message will automatically be routed to all members of CANGEORG.**

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**Dan Smith**

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**SOME RECENTLY COMPLETED GEOMORPHOLOGY THESES 1995**

**Charbonneau, Rimi: Erosion et dispersion glaciaire en Gaspésie centrale. Ph.D.,  
Département de géologie, Université de Montréal.**

**Kasper, Jennifer: Geomorphic, geophysical and Quaternary studies of ice and  
soil wedge features in the Foucault River Valley, Northern Québec. Département  
de géographie, Université Laval.**

**There were undoubtedly more theses completed in 1995 than just these two. If  
students or their supervisors forward us the references we will publish them in  
our next newsletter. Send the references to+cgrg@gsc.emr.ca+.**

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## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUTURE CGRC NEWSLETTERS**

**The CGRC welcomes contributions to future newsletters from any of our members. These should be of interest to the Canadian geomorphology community and could include discussions, commentaries, reviews, and announcements of future meetings or workshops. Please forward your contributions to:**

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