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It's difficult for me to believe that only a year ago there was significant doubt that the APGO would be able to exist. Yet, one year later, we have a vibrant professional association with a diverse and active group of volunteer councillors and committee members. Without the generous donation of time and talents of more than one hundred geoscientists in this Province, we would not have been able to even process the applications forms from the more than 1,100 P.Ge.'s that now make up the APGO.



Although, we have certainly turned the corner with regard to registration of professional geoscientists and by my estimation the APGO has licensed about one third of the eligible geoscientists in the Province and about half of the active professional geoscientists who are required to be members by law. The coming year, 2005, will see an aggressive campaign by the APGO to ensure that only licensed geoscientists are offering geoscience services to the public in Ontario.

This passing year has also seen a dramatic turnaround in the workload for many geoscientists. The up-tick in the mining and mineral exploration cycle and the rapidly evolving procedures, regulation and professional accountability in the arena of environmental practice has been a boon to Professional Geoscientists. Nevertheless, this increased workload has put time constraints on many of APGO's volunteers, as they strive to serve the association and at the same time attend to an ever increasingly busy day jobs.

In 2005, your association would like to see more members involved as volunteers. We have immediate need for members who are bilingual to assist the communications committee with newsletter articles and other services for our francophone members. There are also many interesting opportunities for volunteers on committees in other aspects of the organization. Remember volunteer work with the APGO qualifies for your Continued Professional Development requirement.

Thank you to all for an active year as we strive for continued success in 2005.

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Scott's interest in rocks and minerals sprouted early. As a son of a geologist, he was exposed to rock identification at a very young age. In fact, his family's outings and trips often included a stop along the roadside to view, for example, an excellent exposure of Superior iron formation or a significant unconformity between the Paleozoic cover of Southern Ontario and the underlying Grenville rocks. In addition, his father commonly pointed out numerous glacial landforms and this also helped foster his interest in geoscience. Upon graduating from high school, Scott was faced with a decision of what program to undertake at university. Although his exposure to rocks had tweaked his interest in a geology program, it was a two-hour discussion with a family friend by the name of Dr. Steve Scott of the University of Toronto that convinced Scott that this was the right path for him. His descriptions of earth processes and deep marine geology stirred his adventurous spirit and set him on his way.

Scott's main interest in Geoscience revolves around the mining industry and more particularly mineral exploration. He currently holds the position of Regional Geologist for Falconbridge Limited in Sudbury, Ontario. In this role, he is responsible for nickel-copper exploration within an economic transport distance of the Strathcona Mill. Since entering the industry, Scott has held a wide spectrum of exploration and production geology jobs that have taken him to most corners of Canada and a few interesting spots elsewhere on and "occasionally in" the globe.

#### What are Scott's views on professional registration and its effects on the work of the geoscientist?

"Registration validates the profession of geoscience, places us on par with other professions and establishes who is qualified to carry out Professional Geoscience. A licence to practice sets a benchmark for quality, responsibility to the public, and instills a sense of pride amongst the membership."

Scott realizes that "there has been some resistance to the formation of a regulatory body in Ontario" but he feels in time, the benefits of clarifying the role of professional geoscience to the public and the sense of belonging to the profession within the national and international arenas will promote the profession and be a positive improvement for both Ontario-based practicing professional geoscientists and Ontarians.

When asked, how has professional registration made a difference in your life and in your workplace? Scott said, "Well the biggest difference has been my involvement with APGO since early in 2001. As an appointed councillor, I have helped construct the *Professional Geoscientists Act, 2000*, been involved in the growth of the Association and have taken on added duties as Vice President this year. Notably, this involvement has created some additional workload but it also has given me a strong appreciation for the need for a professional association within a discipline that I have been working in for over 20 years. I have noticed a camaraderie developing between my fellow Licencees and I have also begun to develop a communication network with other geoscience disciplines through interaction with environmental, hydrogeology and aggregate geoscientists. I anticipate that soon I will also get to know a few of our practicing oil and gas professional geoscientists in Ontario."

#### His message to members

Scott would like the APGO members to know that "Council continues to work hard on the issues at hand. Some of the most significant issues include:

- 1) standardization of the professional requirements across all jurisdictional associations with the aim of creating seamless mobility;
- 2) working toward establishing affordable professional liability insurance;
- 3) establishing a quality Geoscientist In Training (GIT) program; and,
- 4) creating professional practice guidelines that meet our needs in Ontario and are aligned with other jurisdictions."

Scott said that, "council has a vision of becoming a world leading professional association that not only regulates but embraces its members and supports their needs. Engaging our up-and-coming professionals with strong student and GIT programs is viewed as very important and represents the brick and mortar in building a strong association for generations to come.

#### What are APGO's challenges and how can Members assist?

In Scott's opinion, the Association is still in its infancy and members have a real chance to impact on the direction the association takes in future years. Clearly the primary function is to regulate the profession of geoscience, however, member services can also be and are a beneficial addition to the Association. Members need to get involved in the committees that they think are important and through communication with their Regional Councillors bring to council the issues they believe are important to create a strong association that meets the needs of the profession.

#### When not doing geoscience

Scott is a dedicated family man and spends much of his spare time doing things with his children such as helping them with their schoolwork, or engaged in a pick up hockey or basketball game. He enjoys skiing, hockey, curling, camping, and canoeing. He also enjoys playing the piano and guitar. Scott is involved with his son's soccer team as their coach and is proud to announce that the team finished in second place in its league this year. In the winter he also manages his son's hockey team and is currently on the executive for the 2005 SPHL hockey tournament. Scott also tries to get involved with his daughter's passion of dance and has been seen on stage at her recital as part of the "Hip Hop Daddies" comical dance team.

When asked to name the most exotic place where his career has taken him, Scott's answer was sitting in the dark on the top of Stromboli, a small, active volcano in the Mediterranean Sea, watching, listening, feeling and smelling the eruptions. "Initially everything was calm. Then the ground would start to tremble, the vent crater would start to glow brilliant orange for a number of seconds before an explosion of bright orange lava bombs would shoot high into the night sky. It was really something to see on a pitch black night," Scott said.

**Meet your Councillor profiles will feature one of your APGO Councillors each month in Field Notes. The profiles are based on the answers received to a series of standard questions asked of each Councillor.**

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IMPS traces its origins to 1995, when a group of lawyers at the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation recognized the need for a new society where professionals could interact with other mining professions to better understand how to manage and operate in the international mining environment. To transcend their legal framework they found a like-minded core group of lawyers, accountants, engineers, geologists, company managers and other professionals and together they established IMPS.

Key people involved in the startup were concentrated in Denver, Colorado and Toronto, Ontario and they established local chapters in both cities. Other individual IMPS members constitute proto-chapters that have not yet become fully active in Salt Lake City, Utah and Vancouver, British Columbia and are seeking the critical mass to get a program underway. Recognizing that "international" means different things depending on where you are, there is now a chapter in Buenos Aires, Argentina and soon there will be chapters in Santiago, Chile and Lima, Peru. Membership information for the IMPS parent body is posted on the IMPS website at <http://www.intlminingsociety.org>.

The purpose of IMPS is to share information about international mining issues at a level of common understanding that is useful to the cross-disciplinary membership, and to provide networking opportunities, which utilize the best, most appropriate modern communications technology available. This is accomplished through discussion group-type presentations at the chapter level, some of which are available by dial-in conferencing. The website offers a variety of papers and archived chapter discussion group presentations related to international mining. Types of information vary from basic country data to developments in mining legislation and standards for operations, economic analyses, financial, accounting, engineering, geoscience, marketing, human resources and management topics and more. Additions to this eclectic collection are welcome and the scope is wide open.

The Toronto Chapter has held lunch-hour presentations over the years that dealt with many topics related to international standards, changing legislation and valuations, all of which are relevant to QPs and those who are served by them in the industry. This year (2004-2005), the Toronto chapter is teaming with the Management and Economics Society of the CIM and with the Natural Resources Section of the Ontario Bar Association, to offer a joint discussion group program, thus providing more regular monthly opportunities for all their members. Tentative dates for these events are posted on the IMPS website, but are subject to adjustment as topics and speakers are confirmed. In conclusion, IMPS is a society of professionals rather than a professional society. It is a forum for learning and enrichment between people with a common interest in sharing experiences of the mining industry around the world rather than a professional association or professional regulator such as APGO.

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The APGO rents a 1900 sq. ft. office space at 67 Yonge, one of Toronto's older and still affordable office buildings in the downtown core. Our rent is partially offset by a sublet of a portion of the space to Gold Quest Mining Corp., a small Central America focused gold exploration company administered by Jim Stephenson, P.Eng., Q.C. Jim is one of the four public members who sits on APGO council and is also a member of several of APGO's committees. The sublet arrangement allows for much better use of the ample space we have; together with GoldQuest, we share the use of a small meeting room.

The APGO team now comprises 3 staff (including myself) and a volunteer in Toronto, and a FedNor funded youth intern in Timmins, working out of a small satellite office provided by the City of Timmins. We outsource IT support, bookkeeping, and website and graphics services.

**Melinda Semkiw**, as Director of Registration handles all elements of Member and Certificate of Authorization applications, maintains the register and attends to all member services, including certificates, the PPE exam and membership renewals. Despite the fact that the throughput of new applications is now nothing like what it was a year ago, there continues to be much work in assisting applicants whose files remain incomplete or have been deferred, and in managing the process of ensuring that all practitioners complete the PPE exam. Melinda is also our in-house database expert and does a mammoth job of maintaining the electronic records and makes sure that we all know how to make the most of the database and its many capabilities.

More recently her duties have shifted to enforcement and compliance (an important public duty that the Association must fulfill over and above registration and the maintenance of the register). Under the Act, the APGO must ensure that the public are adequately protected by verifying that all who are practising professional geoscience in Ontario are appropriately licensed.

**Anne Charanduk**, APGO's Office Assistant, handles all in coming and out-going correspondence, all general inquiries, and ensures that all changes in members contact details are captured and kept up-to-date. Anne also looks after all our files, including the hard copy member files. This is quite a task when you consider that all application material and correspondence to and from all 1300 plus applicants and registrants must be retained in an orderly fashion. She also provides many valuable services as an administrative assistance and is our tireless proofreader extraordinaire! Anne is also very involved in assisting Council, the Executive Committee and APGO's numerous committees and acts as their recording secretary.

**Crystal Spekking**, recently joined APGO as our Communications Officer – Northern Ontario for a one year term under a youth internship program sponsored by FedNor and the City of Timmins. Working from a small satellite office in Timmins, Crystal provides information about the APGO and the regulation of the profession of geoscience in Ontario to the public, practitioners in geoscience, and both providers and users of geoscience services in the north. She is also the mastermind behind the desktop publishing that goes into this newsletter. Her skills in this regard are a huge asset to the association, as I think you will agree.

Having an office in Timmins allows the association to better serve its many members residing and practising geoscience throughout northern Ontario. Crystal is available to make presentations to groups about the impact of the *Professional Geoscientists Act, 2000* on users of geoscience services throughout the north. If you are based in Timmins, or just happen to be passing through, please stop by the office at 272 Third Avenue., phone 705-360-6171 or e-mail [cspekking@apgo.net](mailto:cspekking@apgo.net).

APGO is also involved with the Toronto School Board's high school student cooperative career and education program, and we currently have grade 11 student volunteer, **Jamie Cudeo**, from Monarch Park Collegiate coming into the office four afternoons a week. This is a win-win situation that allows Jamie to get some valuable first time on-the-job experience in a professional office environment and, at the same time, provides APGO with much needed extra help with filing, labeling, data inputting etc.

For those of you interested in the technology side, APGO uses ACT database software for both its member, and enforcement and compliance databases. ACT is a highly versatile contact management database, which not only interfaces very effectively with Word, Excel and other applications, but also maintains a full tracking log of all field changes and all outgoing correspondence items attributable to a member's record. Our bookkeeping is done using Quick Books; Quick Books is also now used for all APGO invoicing and for managing the accounts payable function.

If you have not been by to visit your APGO office yet, please feel free to drop by, and "hello" and meet your team.

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Wendy Diaz, P.Ge. – Field Notes Editor



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I really don't know anyone who truly accomplishes this "balancing act" or happy medium. I think people just adjust and take one day at a time. To avoid feeling overwhelmed when there is an unscheduled business meeting at the office just when you were thinking of sneaking out to get home by 6:00, one must adjust and rely on the fact that the next day you will hopefully be able to get home "on time". Sometimes we have to learn to say "No" to requests for our time and learn to make more realistic deadlines. Sometimes we learn to delegate more and share the workload with our colleagues in the event that they can return the favour sometime soon. We skip lunch. Sometimes our most productive period of the day is at home when everyone is asleep in bed. When we blur the lines between work and home we have to be disciplined and learn to set priorities. In affect, we learn and change the way we work not how much we work. During this holiday season we have to resist the pressure and set our priorities by making time for our families, if we are lucky enough to have one. For the workaholics out there the mandatory days off this season give us a chance to remove ourselves and our thoughts from the workplace and force us to reconnect with family and friends; for we are the happiest when we have positive personal interactions and relationships.

I think we all like to be busy, to have a purpose and enjoy our jobs, in fact we are trained in our formal education to accomplish as much as we can in the time we have and with technology today we are doing even more in more places than ever. But the challenge is to know when to draw the line so we are not negatively affecting our personal life. So instead of rushing off to do an errand or write the next proposal maybe have lunch with your spouse or friend instead.

I was going to ask for submissions for the newsletter from you all but the last thing you need this season is another request of your time from your professional association's newsletter editor! So I will wait until next year. Let your newsletter keep you informed so you can spend the time with your family that you would otherwise spend searching for information. To do this we need your feedback on topics. If you do not have time to write an article, how about sending me a suggestion. Mike, the service manager, has just dropped by the waiting room with his assessment of the van. The water pump is leaking and they should be able to fix it before 2:00pm. This is good news because it will allow me to email this in before I pick up the boys at carpool! Season greetings and do not work too hard!

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## APGO staff member opens her heart to the less fortunate as a dedicated volunteer

By Crystal Spekking, APGO's Northern Ontario Communications Officer

### Melinda Semkiw



As winter fast approaches, you start preparing for the cold months ahead, by pulling out your winter clothing, turning up the furnace and preparing those hot and hearty winter meals. As you enjoy all of these comforts, have ever you stopped to think about the people who don't have a warm bed to sleep in every night, winter clothing or something to eat? What happens to these unfortunate people in the cold winter months?

Thankfully, there are many dedicated volunteers and outreach programs available to assist the homeless and the poor. One of these dedicated volunteers is APGO's Director of Registration, Melinda Semkiw. Melinda has been actively involved with The Lakeshore, Out of the Cold Program (LOOTC) from inception for the past five seasons. This winter will be her sixth season as a volunteer. She is part of the intake team and is the Onsite Evening Coordinator. The intake team welcomes, registers and arranges sleeping spaces for the guests. During the evening, team members socialize with guests, coordinate laundry, showers, distributes toiletries and clean socks. They also work with security to ensure the integrity and safety of the site.

The Out of the Cold Program also offers a hot and healthy dinner in the evening to approximately 65 guests. After dinner, guests can play cards, join an art class, converse with one another or watch a movie. The Overnight Shelter is set up to accommodate 20 homeless/poor men and 25 on a cold weather alert issue by the city. Once the shelter has reached its capacity, other guests are relocated to other shelters in the city. The program also includes, feeding and serving 35 guests a hot and healthy breakfast and a bagged lunch for all overnight guests and a TTC token to get to their next site.

The St. Margaret's Anglican Church is located on 156 Sixth Street, in Toronto. There are approximately 50 volunteers who help operate this particular shelter. The shelter is open from November-April of each year, with the hours of operation from Monday 6:00 pm-Tuesday 8:00 am.

When asked, how and why did you get involved? Melinda responded, "A family friend who was homeless died from exposure to the elements. He needed help but there were no programs in place in the Lakeshore area to help him or assist or address homelessness. This incident 'hit home' and made the perils of homelessness a reality to me. Since then, it's been a personal crusade of mine to prevent others from the same fate. When the pilot program became available through St. Margaret's Parish, I eagerly took part and have actively been involved ever since. I was, and still am, determined to do whatever I can to ensure the success of this vital program."

Melinda says that new volunteers are always welcome. To become a volunteer or get more information call (416) 788-2402. Financial donations are greatly appreciated to purchase tokens, socks, hygiene products, laundry soap etc. Why not gather a group of friends and or colleagues, to donate or supply a breakfast, lunch or dinner? (Tax receipts can be given upon request).

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- Ms Linda C. M. Elliott, P.Geo.
- Mr. Stephen G. Harding, P.Geo.
- Mrs. Natalie M. Korczak, P.Geo.
- Mr. Luc Lepage
- Dr. Brian R. Luinstra, P.Geo.
- Miss Carole Anne MacDonald, P.Geo.
- Mr. Michael R. Nerup, P.Geo.
- Ms Shastri M. Ramnath, P.Geo.
- Ms Daniele Spethmann, P.Geo.
- Ms Rebecca A. Sproule, P.Geo.
- Mr. Harold J. Tracanelli, P.Geo.
- Mr. Richard M. Vantfoort, P.Geo.
- Mr. Todd M. White, P.Geo.
- Mrs. Donna Wojtanowski, P.Geo.
- Mr. J. Kim Yee, P.Geo. (Limited)

### Re-instated Members since Nov. 1, 2004:

- Mr. Michel Dumoulin, P.Geo.

### Resigned Members since Nov. 1, 2004

- Mr. S. M. Bruce Bailey
- Mr. Kenneth A. Grace
- Ms M. Dayle Rusk

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## APGO Headliner - Dr. Fuzail Siddiqui, P.Ge. was presented with the Rouge River Keepers Award

**Dr. Fuzail Siddiqui, P.Ge.** was presented the Rouge River Keepers Award by Ms. Sue Sherban, the mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville, at a ceremony held at Rouge River Community Centre in Markham on October 7, 2004.



Jake Riebstins (Superintendent) and Fuzail Siddiqui (Audubon Project Coordinator) proudly display the Rouge River Keepers Award, accompanied by members of Station Creek still environmental committee Janet Atkinson (L) and James Oswald (R).

The Rouge Park Alliance, the management body of Rouge Park, awarded Mr. Siddiqui this honor for his efforts, as the Coordinator of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP), in promoting and communicating environmentally responsible practices at Station Creek Golf Club. This club is situated in the environmentally sensitive Oak Ridges Moraine in the upper reaches of the Rouge River catchment area. The Rouge Park Alliance, each year, recognizes individuals and groups in the community who have made an outstanding contribution to the Rouge Park vision, goal and objectives. Mr. Lewis Yeager, General Manager of Rouge Park wrote on August 24, 2004, "Your work to enhance private lands in the watershed will greatly benefit the health of Rouge Park and the

Rouge River system." Those present at this annual ceremony included regional Government personnel, community leaders and members of the GTA environmental community. The event received wide coverage in York Region newspapers of mid-October, 2004. Congratulations Fuzail!

Dr. Siddiqui has also graciously volunteered to chair the APGO Communications Committee. The Communications Committee is responsible for communications between the APGO, its membership and the public. This includes a review of the APGO Annual Report and the production of the newsletter, Field Notes, the web site, APGO convention booths and mail correspondence to APGO members. Fuzail has been a headliner before. In 2001, his exploration proposal for the Red Lake Mine, NW Ontario - the richest grade gold mine in the world - was judged worthy of a semi-finalist award in the global 'Challenge' launched by Goldcorp Inc. of Toronto. Dr. Siddiqui is also the Principal Consultant for Resources Research Canada.

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## **APGO Council - election nominations close on Jan 30, 2005**

Reminder - Nominations close on Monday, January 30, 2005 for those positions on the APGO Council that come up for election in 2005. All members have been mailed nomination papers as part of their annual membership renewal material. Click here to open the notice and nomination form (----click will be to the APGO website and the attached pdf)

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**CIM's TORONTO 2005 - "MINING ROCKS"**

**April 24 to 27, 2005**

**CIM Geological Society Activities - A MUST SEE**

**"The Convention within the Convention"**

Organizers of the GeolSoc activities at the 2005 CIM Annual General Meeting in Toronto have gone all out to ensure this will be a meeting to remember. Plans include a 1½-exploration geochemistry workshop followed by seven full (10-11 presentations) and four half technical sessions (5-6 presentations). Four very interesting field trips will round out the agenda.

Topics to be covered in the technical sessions include: World Class Ni-Cu-PGM deposits, Diamonds, VMS deposits, Gold deposits and exploration economics, IOCG deposits, Mine Geology Issues, Geometallurgical Mapping, Collaborative Geoscience Initiatives, Mining in Southern Ontario and, in the session entitled: The Project Development Toolkit, an overview will be provided of the various aspects which workers in the mine development field need to understand to conduct the evaluation, advancement and development of a mining project, in today's Canadian regulatory environment.

Some very well known and respected people within academia as well as the mining/exploration business have so far been confirmed as presenters (some 100 in total!). These include: John Ayer, Michael Doggett, Jim Franklin, Al Galley, Tony Green, Mark Hannington, Tony Naldrett, Pat Williams, Vic Wall, and Reid Keays to date, as well as many mine and exploration geologists from existing or emerging mining/exploration districts.

Activities will get underway on Saturday, April 23rd with a Geochemistry Workshop entitled: "Practical Approaches to Exploration Geochemistry for Mineral Deposits". This will be immediately followed, starting on Sunday afternoon, April 24th, with the commencement of the CIM GeolSoc Special Sessions, slated to continue on Monday and Tuesday afternoon as well as all day on Wednesday, April 25th, 26th and 27th, respectively.

Field trips are scheduled to start on April 28th and GeolSoc has arranged four which are expected to generate a lot of interest. FNX have kindly agreed to permit an underground and surface tour of their exciting new Ni-Cu-PGM operation in Sudbury. Similarly a trip will be held to Southeast Ontario to examine industrial mineral operations there. As well, SGS-Lakefield has graciously agreed to host a tour of their facilities in Lakefield. Finally, an overseas trip to the various deposits in SW Iberia is at the advanced planning stage. Most trips are one-day in length. However, the Sudbury trip will require an overnight stay in Sudbury whereas the Spain/Portugal trip starts and ends in Lisbon and will be 12 days in duration.

All and all, this promises to be one of the best CIM AGM's ever, in no small part due to the hard work being invested by CIM GeolSoc to ensure that every geologist attending goes home satisfied. To view the CIM website [Click Here](http://www.cim.org/mce/toronto2005/)

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**WANTED: Display Samples - APGO Office**

Oliver Bonham, P.Geo.

APGO is planning to install a glass-fronted display case in the entrance area of its Toronto office to show geoscience to the public and exhibit what many professional geoscientists do everyday.

For this, we require mineral samples, and rock and ore samples representing not just Ontario geoscience, but the many parts of the world in which APGO geoscientists undertake their work. We also want to showcase all disciplines of geoscience in which our members practice.

This is an appeal to all APGO members to submit material for display in your office.

**What kind of samples?**

- Mineral specimens
- Ore samples
- Character rock samples of classic Ontario lithologies - dimension stone/aggregate/ground water aquifers, etc.
- Ontario hydrocarbon pay zone material or recovered crude oil
- Geological phenomena (mud cracks, poly-phase folding, tension gashes, etc.)
- Fossils
- Contaminated soil/rock
- Others

**Size and format?**

Samples should be fist size or bigger, so they can be viewed without handling. If possible, they should be chipped or sawn to leave a good steady base. Where possible, ore and lithology specimens should be cut and polished. Loose or friable material should be sent in a clear glass jar or vial.

**Labelling?**

All samples should either be fully labelled in a permanent way on the base or clearly numbered with reference to a numbered label accompanying the sample.

**Sample labelling information?**

Please include:

- Geographic location, including mine, quarry operation, oil play, etc.
- Sample description, including geological setting, age, etc.
- Name of donator

Samples should be carefully packed and shipped to the APGO office, 67 Yonge Street, Suite 1500, Toronto, Ontario M5E 1J8.

All samples submitted will become the property of APGO. Submitters of samples selected for display will be acknowledged and will each receive a small prize.

Help showcase our profession! Help bring Geoscience to the city!

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