

Spotlight on the Work of APGO this Fall 2014

This Fall was a busy time for a number of our APGO Councillors. As they did every year, they held APGO information sessions at a number of universities across Ontario. As well, they hosted regional networking events to bring together members to connect with and learn from each other.

A big **THANK YOU** to **Doug Cater** (South West), **Peter Diorio** (Central), **Ben Berger** (North East), **Dave Hunt** (North West), and **Zen Keizars** and **Mark Priddle** (South East) for generously giving their time to do outreach to university students across the province. A total of 10 APGO information sessions had been done to date with more than 300 students participating at these sessions.

Critical to the success of their work was the strong support provided by Registration staff and volunteer to address registration-specific questions - **Aftab Khan** (Registrar), **Renée Coulcher** (Deputy Registrar) and **Ian Macdonald** (Co-Chair of Registration Committee). The pairing of Councillors and Registration staff proved to be a very effective approach to ensure that students get the most out of APGO information sessions. Together, they delivered a rich content that offered professional insights on what is great about being a Professional Geoscientist and critical information on P.Geo. registration process and requirements.

From October 2014 to date, APGO received 155 new student registrations. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome them and encourage them to participate in our networking events and those hosted by other organizations that we share via Field Notes and our website.



To our APGO Council Members, staff, volunteers, and regional event speakers: *THANK YOU!*



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Along with student outreach activities, our Regional Councillors also hosted three regional events this Fall in the North East and South West Regions.

Ben Berger hosted the North East event in Sudbury on November 5th following the OPA's 2014 Ontario Exploration & Geoscience Symposium. Whereas Doug Cater hosted the two South West events in partnership with University of Waterloo and University of Western Ontario on November 19th and 27th, respectively.

The networking events showcased field experts who gave interesting and informative talks. Dr. Maurice B. Duseault, PhD, P.Eng. presented on the changing energy scene in Canada, highlighting the massive shale gas development occurring here and in the United States. Dr. John Ayer, PhD, P.Geo. presented on MERC's work and on the timing and controls on gold mineralization in the Abitibi Subprovince. Mr. Robin Goad, P.Geo. presented on project economics with a focus on Fortune Minerals Limited's use of its unique commodities and the steps the company has taken to advance its projects for development in today's environment.

We thank **Dr. Duseault, Dr. Ayer and Mr. Goad** for taking the time out of their busy schedule to share their knowledge and expertise with our members.



We thank all of our members who came, some of whom braved the challenging road conditions to get to our events. The presence of each one - students, GITs, and P.Geo.'s - is critical for fostering a stronger and dynamic association and a stronger connecton with each other.

For those who missed the Fall 2014 events, we hope to see you at our upcoming event that will be hosted by Peter Diorio in Toronto on February 2015. More details will be available soon on Field Notes and at www.apgo.net.