

Message from the Chair

## Inaugural awarding of the Middleton Medal

Your eagerly anticipated annual newsletter has been delayed, but for a great reason. It is my great pleasure to inform you that the very first recipient of our Middleton Medal for Sedimentology will be **Dr. Brian Jones** (University of Alberta). Brian has a stupendous record of productivity in Cenozoic stratigraphy, Paleozoic stratigraphy, diagenesis, and hot-spring deposits (and that's not including his papers in paleontology!)

The medal is named in honour of Gerard V. Middleton, a Canadian pioneer in academic sedimentology, and recognises either an outstanding long-term contribution or a seminal contribution to any aspect of sedimentology by a Canadian or by a sedimentology researcher working in Canada. We expect that the inauguration of this award will bring greater recognition to sedimentary geology in the broader geological community in Canada. I am simply delighted to announce our amazing recipient.

The award will be made at the annual GAC meeting in St John's (May 26-29); we are now arranging a reception and I'll update you on the details as soon as the GAC organising committee provides them. I hope that many of you will be able to join us to celebrate Brian Jones and Gerry Middleton, both of whom will be in attendance.

Many thanks to Brian Pratt, who initiated this project and took care of medal design, and Peir Pufahl and Emmanuelle Arnaud who shepherded the process through its early stages.

## CSRG Executive

Chair: Elizabeth Turner (Laurentian)

Vice Chair: (vacant) (any volunteers...?)

Past Chair: Peir Pufahl (Acadia)

Treasurer: Tony Hamblin (GSC); to be replaced by Rob MacNaughton (GSC) in fall 2012

Eastern Councillor: Ihsan Al-Aasm (Windsor)

Western Councillor: Brian Pratt (Saskatchewan)

Many thanks to Peir Pufahl for his service as chair and acting chair over the last few years. I also wish to thank Rob MacNaughton who is relieving our long-suffering treasurer (Rob was previously treasurer before Tony!). Both gentlemen are paragons of service beyond the call of duty.

## Middleton Medal news

The medal design is complete and casting and engraving are underway. We have applied to the Canadian Geological Foundation for financial support in the design and fabrication of the medals. The next award will be made at GAC in 2014.

## Student Support for GAC 2012 Field Trips

CSRG offers financial assistance to students wishing to participate in sedimentology/stratigraphy field trips at GAC, of which there are many this year. Please see our website for how to apply: [://gac.esd.mun.ca/csrg/studentssubsidy.htm](http://gac.esd.mun.ca/csrg/studentssubsidy.htm) Please submit documents to the chair by May 4.

## CSRG at GAC 2012

*Beyond Facies Models*, convened by Darrel Long and Peir Pufahl.

We will have a separate annual CSRG business meeting (TBA).

## Other items

If you have announcements or student opportunities to circulate, please contact me: [eturner@laurentian.ca](mailto:eturner@laurentian.ca)