# Canadian Sedimentology RESEARCH GROUP

A DIVISION OF GAC

**Newsletter - April 2013** 

# Message from the Chair: Announcing the Middleton Medal

CRSG's most important news of the year is the long-awaited first awarding of our Middleton Medal. The Middleton Medal for Sedimentology is named in honour of Gerard V. Middleton for his pioneering research in sedimentology. The first-ever Middleton Medal was awarded to Dr. Brian Jones (U. Alberta) at GAC's annual meeting in St. John's (2012). Congratulations to Brian for his outstanding research in sedimentary geology, and many thanks to Gerry and Muriel Middleton for attending our function!

The Middleton Medal will next be awarded at GAC's annual meeting in Fredericton (May 2014). There are numerous worthy individuals among us, so please contribute to the momentum of our sedimentary community and to the recognition of our outstanding colleagues by **submitting a nomination**. The application deadline is December 31, but there's no time like the present for preparing a dossier!s

The criteria and nomination procedures are at <a href="http://www.gac.ca/wp/?page\_id=2471">http://www.gac.ca/wp/?page\_id=2471</a> and <a href="http://www.gac.ca/wp/?page\_id=2476">http://www.gac.ca/wp/?page\_id=2476</a>, respectively.

#### CSRG Executive 2012-2013

Chair – Elizabeth Turner (Laurentian)

Vice-chair – (vacant)
Past chair: Peir Pufahl (Acadia)
Treasurer – Robert MacNaughton (GSC-C)
Eastern Councilor – Ihsan Al-Aasm (Windsor)
Western Councilor – Brian Pratt (Saskatchewan)

Many thanks for Rob MacNaughton for taking the financial helm for us once again, and hearty thanks to Tony Hamblin for his years of service as treasurer. Happy trails, Tony!

We are approaching the turnover point for CSRG chair and vice-chair positions: according to the CSRG constitution (yes, we have one!), members of the executive may serve no more than three consecutive one-year terms. I solicit herewith nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-chair. Please send your suggestions or volunteer by contacting eturner@laurentian.ca



Brian Pratt, Gerry Middleton, Brian Jones, and Elizabeth Turner at the Middleton Medal ceremony. Despite his stoic appearance, Brian J. really was touched to receive the award!

## Winnipeg 2013

This year's joint annual meeting of the Geological Association of Canada and Mineralogical Association of Canada (GAC-MAC) will be held May 22-24, 2013 in Winnipeg.

The CSRG is pleased to offer **financial assistance to students** wishing to participate in the following field trips associated with the meeting.

C5. Ordovician-Silurian Boundary Interval in the Williston Basin Outcrop Belt of Manitoba: A Record of Global and Regional Environmental and Biotic Change

C6. Quaternary Geology, Geomorphology and Sedimentology to Inform Watershed Science Across the Pembina Escarpment

Applicants should submit a short application including:

- 1. a brief cover letter explaining how you would benefit from attending the field trip
- 2. your abstract for the conference
- 3. a résumé (2 pages max)
- a short budget outlining your costs and other funding sources that you have access to or have applied for

Other rules to consider:

- You must be a **CSRG** student member in order to apply (Membership is free!)
- You can only apply for one trip at a time
- The amount of money awarded to each student will depend on the trip's registration fee, but will not exceed \$500.

### **Student Opportunities**

If you have student opportunities that you would like circulated to the CSRG membership at any time, please contact Elizabeth Turner.