



# Canadian Sedimentology

RESEARCH GROUP

Newsletter - December 2013

## Next awarding of the Middleton Medal

The Middleton Medal will next be awarded at GAC's annual meeting in Fredericton (May 2014). 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.

The criteria and nomination procedures are at [http://www.gac.ca/wp/?page\\_id=2471](http://www.gac.ca/wp/?page_id=2471) and [http://www.gac.ca/wp/?page\\_id=2476](http://www.gac.ca/wp/?page_id=2476).

## Fredericton 2014

The next meeting of the Geological Association of Canada (GAC-MAC) will be held May 21-23, 2014 in Fredericton, NB. The CSRG is sponsoring a special session, *Sedimentary signatures of tectonic events*. This broad topic should elicit a range of interesting submissions. Please consider contributing to this session once abstract submissions have been solicited.

## Vancouver GSA 2015 and Montreal GAC 2015

The GSA 2015 meeting will be in Vancouver, and GAC 2015 will be in Montreal. We need to put our heads together and propose special sessions and field trips. Please send along any suggestions to the CSRG chair!

## Winnipeg 2013

The soft-rock community was vigorously active at GAC's 2013 annual meeting in Winnipeg. Symposium SY3 "Life and times of Phanerozoic seas (in honour of Rolf Ludvigsen)", organised by GAC's Paleontology Division, and special session SS13 "Williston Basin and other intracratonic basins", organised by the Canadian Sedimentology Research Group, collectively solicited 34 presentations from Canada's small but persistent sedimentary and paleontology communities. These successful sessions were followed by a very special field opportunity: fourteen Paleozoic enthusiasts were privileged to participate in Bob Elias's and Graham Young's field trip to the Ordovician-Silurian (O-S) boundary in the Williston Basin of central Manitoba.



*Graduate student Katie Hahn received a CSRG field trip bursary to participate in field trip C5 'Ordovician-Silurian (O-S) boundary in the Williston Basin, central Manitoba' after the GAC meeting in May 2013. This photo shows her absorbing wisdom from field trip leaders Bob Elias and Graham Young.*

The CSRG is pleased to offer **financial assistance to students** wishing to participate in the appropriate field trips associated with the GAC annual meeting. There will be numerous appropriate field trips at GAC 2014.

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)
4. 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 may apply for only 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 or other opportunities that you would like circulated to the CSRG membership at any time, please contact Elizabeth Turner.

## CSRG Executive 2013-2014

Chair – Elizabeth Turner (Laurentian)  
Vice-chair – *(vacant; please consider volunteering!)*  
Past chair: Peir Pufahl (Acadia)  
Treasurer – Robert MacNaughton (GSC-C)  
Eastern Councilor – Ihsan Al-Aasm (Windsor)  
Western Councilor – Brian Pratt (Saskatchewan)

We really, truly are approaching the turnover point for CSRG chair and vice-chair positions. Please send your suggestions or volunteer by contacting [eturner@laurentian.ca](mailto:eturner@laurentian.ca)



*The second awarding of the  
CSRG's Middleton Medal in Sedimentology  
will take place in 2014; nominations are invited by December 31, 2013.  
Please nominate one of our sedimentology giants.*



Nominations for the Canadian Sedimentology Research Group's Middleton Medal must be supported by three members of the GAC, one of whom acts as principal sponsor. The award is conferred in alternate years at the annual meeting of the GAC. Previous recipients of the Logan Medal are not eligible candidates.

A complete nomination must include the following documents:

- 1) Cover Letter (maximum 3 pages), signed by principal sponsor and at least two co-sponsors, that includes names and contact information for the nominee and all sponsors.
- 2) Citation (300 words or less; suitable for publication and for reading at the time of the award)
- 3) Written biography of nominee that describes the achievements for which the award would be conferred
- 4) Curriculum vitae of nominee, to support the achievements cited in the biography

Supporting information (items 2-4) may be submitted after December 31st but before the end of January.

It is the responsibility of the Principal Sponsor to gather the supporting information. Digital files are preferred. A completed nomination is valid for three years and may be updated by the sponsors.

Nomination forms shall be submitted to the CSRG chair on or before December 31st of the calendar year prior to the award's conferment. Full information is available at the GAC website [http://www.gac.ca/wp/?page\\_id=2751](http://www.gac.ca/wp/?page_id=2751)

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