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Annual General Meeting 2006

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President's Report

The CGRG executive for 2005-2006 :

- President: *Trevor Bell*
- Past-President: *Cheryl McKenna Neuman*
- Vice-President: *Dirk de Boer*
- Secretary-Treasurer: *Kevin Driscoll*
- Newsletter Editor: *Scott Lamoureux*
- Members-at-Large: *John Gosse, Patrick Lajeunesse*
- Graduate Student observer: *Dan Shugar*



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- 179 members - increase of 40% over last year
- Operating surplus of \$2842.04
- Most of our members (74%) joined the group through the GAC and CAG



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CGRG executive had **several goals** for 2005-2006

- To conduct membership vote on constitutional amendments and CGU affiliation
- To increase graduate student involvement
- To promote and implement the new initiative for sponsoring themed sessions at national and regional conferences
- To represent our members on national and international committees



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Our progress:

- Unanimous support for new CGRG constitution and MOU with CGU
- Almost 4 times the number of student CGRG members (60+)
- Estimated income loss is roughly \$200 or 8% of annual income
- Our new graduate student representative on executive, **Dan Shugar** (SFU), is working to promote student involvement



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- Approved CGRG sponsorship (variable levels):
 - national conferences
 - St. Lawrence River – GAC 2006
 - Geomorphology – CWRA 2006
 - Rivers – CANQUA 2007
 - three regional CAG meetings (student prizes):
 - Atlantic - 2005
 - Ontario - 2006
 - Western - 2006
 - International conference in Canada
 - Alluvial Fans 2007



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- The executive welcomes sponsorship applications for geomorphology sessions at upcoming national and regional meetings. For example:
 - GAC Yellowknife 2007
 - GAC Quebec 2008
 - CAG Saskatoon 2007
 - CAG Quebec 2008
 - CGU 2007 and 2008
 - Regional CAG or GAC meetings (t-shirts)
- Also interested in **short course** sponsorship – CANQUA Ottawa 2007??



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- CGRG representation at:
 - International Association of Geomorphologists (*Sauchyn*)
 - Canadian Geoscience Council (*Ollerhead*)
 - Canadian Geophysical Council (*de Boer*)
 - Geological Association of Canada (*Bell*)
 - CAG regional meetings (*Smith, Driscoll, Bell*)
- Increasingly, local members are being asked to represent CGRG at national council meetings across the country



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- Mackay Award committee recommendations
 - The criteria should read
 - “...*within 10 years of graduation from a PhD or Masters or undergraduate program exclusive of periods relating to parental or medical leaves.*”



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“The award is to be given for a significant contribution to geomorphology. It may constitute either a single publication appearing within a five-year period previous to the nomination, or a body of work. The candidate’s contribution(s) may include a synthesis or regional study, a new concept, a significant advance in a subfield of geomorphology, or the development of a technique. In the case of contributions with multiple authors, the candidate must have assumed a lead role in the development of the work, and this role must be clearly explained in the nomination letter.”



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- Nomination committee
 - We are looking for nominations for the position of **Vice-President**
 - Also, we are seeking candidates to nominate for an executive position in the *International Association of Geomorphologists* at its next international meeting in 2009 – suggestions? (tbell@mun.ca)



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The CGRG executive is interested in contributing to Canadian and international geomorphology initiatives for **International Year of Planet Earth 2008**



UN Year of Planet Earth 2008

Why an International Year of Planet Earth?



- To demonstrate the great potential of the Earth sciences in the building of a safer, healthier and wealthier Society
- To encourage Society to apply this potential more effectively

Summary



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- Political: proclaimed by UN General Assembly
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Science: 10 societal relevant themes; 10 science brochures printed, EoI forms on website

10 Science Themes



1. **Groundwater** – towards sustainable use
2. **Hazards** – minimising risk, maximising awareness
3. **Earth & Health** – building a safer environment
4. **Climate** – the 'stone tape'
5. **Resources** – towards sustainable use
6. **Megacities** – going deeper, building safer
7. **Deep Earth** – from crust to core
8. **Ocean** – abyss of time
9. **Soils** – the living skin of the Earth
10. **Earth & Life** – origins of diversity

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Outreach: Website, brochures & flyers printed, EoI forms on website

Outreach Programme



Aims:

- Generate greater awareness among the public of the wide-ranging importance of the geosciences for human life and prosperity
- Stimulate awareness of the societal contributions of the geosciences within national education systems
- Increase understanding of the societal importance of the geosciences on the part of decision-makers




Website

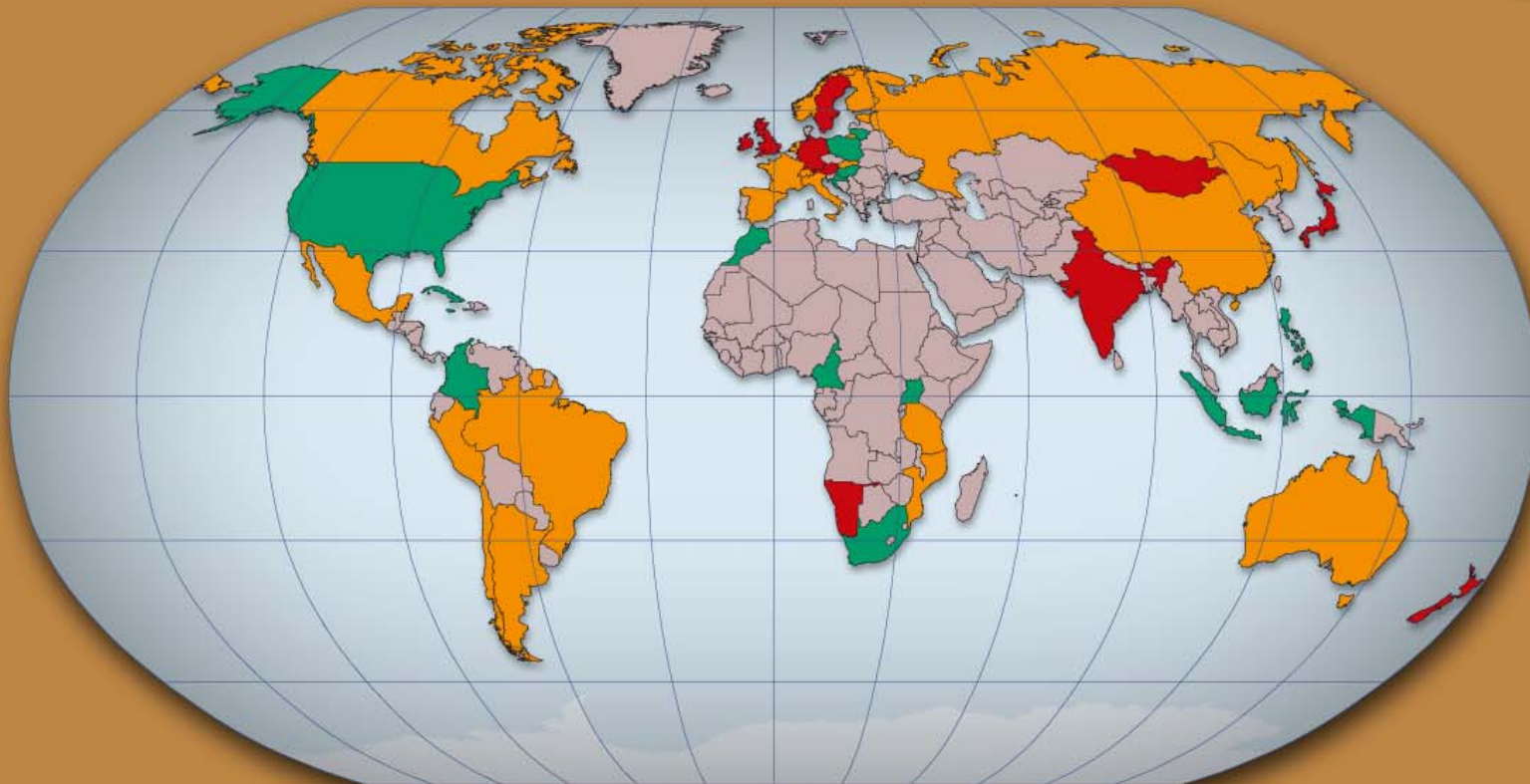


www.yearofplanetearth.org

www.esfs.org

National committees

-  In operation
-  In progress
-  In consideration





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- A small working group (Bell, McKenna Neuman) is looking for feedback from members on how CGRG should play a role in this event (email tbell@mun.ca)
- We are actively seeking coordination with our affiliated organizations (CAG, GAC, CGU, CANQUA, AQQUA)



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You have the T-shirt, now get the calendar!

- CGRG executive is interested in the production and sale of a CGRG calendar
 - would feature photographs of Canadian landforms by CGRG members
 - would primarily be a promotional initiative
 - Thoughts?



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- The executive has scheduled upcoming AGMs at:
 - CANQUA in Ottawa (2007)
 - CGU in Banff (2008)
 - this may be revised based on IYPE plans
- Thanks to my executive colleagues for making this another successful year for CGRG
 - Special thanks to Cheryl for many years of service on the executive
 - Thanks to Kevin for continued diligence and support of the CGRG executive – good luck in your PhD studies