

**Canadian Geoscience Education Network
January 31, 2003 Meeting
Vancouver, B.C.**

The stuff you absolutely have to know/do:

1. **GeoSciEd IV:** This is going to be a fabulous, not to be missed event in Calgary in August. Promote it to any teachers you know (publicity poster is downloadable from the website). Register now and get the early bird rate. Visit the website at www.geoscied.org for the program and registration forms. PLUS, until March 15, you can still submit an abstract.
2. **EdGEO:** If there hasn't been an EdGEO workshop in your neighbourhood, think about it. Everything you need to know is on the website www.edgeo.org. PLUS, David Mate would welcome contributions to the EdGEO newsletter (dmate@nrcan.gc.ca). If you're going to GAC/MAC, think about signing up for the EdGEO workshop; it's an opportunity to observe and learn how to put one on.
3. **What on Earth:** The new, improved version is great (thanks to a PromoScience grant). Check out the online version at www.whatonearth.org. PLUS, if you have any news to report, Alan Morgan is looking for good stories (amorgan@uwaterloo.ca).
4. The **next CGEN meeting** will be in Vancouver in May (date to be confirmed shortly).

Key points, actions and decisions

In attendance: Dileep Athaide, Diane Baldwin, John Clague, Fran Haidl, Horst Heise, Dave Mate, Alan Morgan, Godfrey Nowlan, Sheila Stenzel, Bob Turner, Eileen Van der Flier Keller, Christy Vodden.

Finances: CGEN has a healthy bank balance of about \$13,000, and is managing \$35,000 fundraised for the three Geoscape Ontario projects. The GAC allocation of \$5,000 to CGEN for 2002-2003 is expected shortly.

Careers in Geoscience: The Canadian Geological Foundation has agreed to fund the project (\$2,500). Other fundraising will go ahead once the project details are fleshed out more. Key to that is the template being developed by Jon Dudley; it should be ready shortly and will be circulated to CGEN and other interested parties for comment. John Clague has a co-op student he can assign to researching information. Alan Morgan will see if a University of Waterloo program could take on the website development as a credit project. Of interest, Human Resources Development Canada has a careers awareness website with good coverage of geology at http://www.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/hrhb/hrp-prh/pi-ip/career-carriere/english/index_e.shtml (click on "Career Information Links").

Mining Association of British Columbia: Maureen Lipkewich has retired; Sheila Stenzel is her replacement. CGEN voted a big thanks to Maureen for her huge contribution to geoscience education and wishes her a happy retirement.

GeoSciEd IV: See top of page and read attached summary report. All CGEN members are asked to help make this a huge success by promoting it locally and attending it. CGEN voted \$1,000 to GeoSciEd in support of advertising in Canadian Geographic.

Geoscape: Geoscape projects are flourishing across the country (website: www.geoscape.nrcan.gc.ca). There may be some interesting cross-distribution possibilities between Lithoprobe and Geoscape (Horst Heise and Bob Turner to discuss). Bob is hoping to set up a Geoscape room at GAC/MAC; check out the program for details. For the future, GSC funding is being sought for Waterscape projects; the next iteration of the Geoscape concept.

EdGeo: See notes above. There were eight EdGEO workshops funded in 2002, with a total of 170 teachers attending. Five are approved for 2003 already, in Calgary and Nunavut. CGEN will provide \$3,000 to EdGEO from the GAC allocation for 2002-2003. The EdGEO committee is embarking upon a fundraiser targeted at “sustaining donors”.

CGEN Website: This is in need of an update. Take a look at it, and send any comments/suggestions to me in next two weeks <http://cgen.bio.ns.ca/>.

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