



Annual Report for CAGONT 2008
held at Brock University
October 18, 2008

The 2008 Annual CAGONT meeting and conference was hosted by the Department of Geography, Brock University in St. Catherines and it was jointly held with the Eastern Lakes Division of the American Association of Geographers. The meeting was officially opened by Dr. Hugh Gayler, Chair of the Brock department, and he welcomed over 200 delegates to the CAGONT Annual General Meeting and highlighted the fact CAGONT was meeting with ELDAAG. This was the first time in many years that such a joint meeting was held. Dr. Dan Smith, (Victoria) President of CAG was also in attendance.

There were just over 200 CAGONT and ELDAAG delegates in attendance, over 100 paper presentations and 24 posters. Faculty participation was higher than last year with over 40 faculty members attending.

Dr. Marilyne Jollineau thanked all who participated in the student paper competition including students and the anonymous reviewers and announced the winners of the 2008 competition:

Best Undergraduate Essay: **Craig Rohe** (Brock University) "Transportation Planning in Moscow, Russia"

Best Undergraduate Research Paper: **Doris Lam** (York University) "Not-So-Perma Frost: A Comparison of Direct and Indirect Approaches in Monitoring Permafrost Distribution for Climate Change Detection"

Best Master's Level Research Paper: **Benjamin Deschamps** (Carleton University) "Mapping dead biomass in upland grasslands using ground-based radiometry and Landsat imagery"

Best Doctoral Level Essay: **John Wall** (Carleton University) "Twenty Years of Wolf Talk: Media Discourse on Algonquin Park Wolves 1987-2008"

Departments were asked to volunteer to host CAGONT meetings for the next three years and interest was shown by:

2009: University of Toronto at Mississauga

2010: Ryerson University

2011: Lakehead University, Orillia Campus

Dr. Marilyne Jollineau was renewed for a three (2008-2011) as CAGONT Vice President and **Nathanial Lewis** Queen's University was acclaimed to serve as the CAGONT Student Representative (2008-2011).

Dr William Crumplin reported that no nominations were received for the Service to Ontario Geography Award in 2007-08.