



CAGONT Annual Report 2010

The annual meeting was a great success this year! The Department of Geography (Faculty of Arts) and the Centre for the Study of Commercial Activity (Ted Rogers School of Management) at Ryerson University welcomed 192 attendees (112 graduate students; 30 undergraduates; 31 professors/professional members; and 19 others) to the CAGONT 2010 Annual Meeting from October 15-16, 2010, in Toronto, Ontario. This tied the existing attendance record for a CAGONT annual meeting. At the meeting, 107 papers (new record) were presented; this included 94 oral paper presentations (new record), 11 poster presentations, and 2 special session paper presentations. The CAGONT 2010 website will remain as an archive and the Final Program and Book of Abstracts can be accessed by going to: <http://www.geography.ryerson.ca/cagont2010>.

The CAGONT 2010 organizing committee was very pleased that **Dr. Nigel Waters - Director, Geographic Information Science Center of Excellence (GISCE) and Professor of Geography and Geoinformation Science, George Mason University** accepted the invitation to be the plenary speaker at CAGONT 2010. His talk 'Including Diversity: GIS Methodologies and Paradigms in the Big Tent' was attended by approximately 70 people and followed by a reception on October 15. Other Friday activities included a Department Chairs meeting, a CAGONT executive meeting and the first special student session on *Field Trip Planning: A Geography Signature Pedagogy*.

The awards in the Student Paper Competition went to:

Benita Tam - University of Toronto (Doctoral Research Paper) for the paper entitled:
Examining Past Temperature Variability in Moosonee and Toronto, Canada through a Day-to-Day Variability Framework

Antony Chum - University of Toronto (Doctoral Paper) for the paper entitled:
Policy Implications of Neighbourhood Effects on Health Research: Towards an Alternative to Poverty Deconcentration

Alexander Todd - York University (Masters Paper) for the paper entitled:
Arctic Waters and Climate Change in the Eyes of Canada's Inuit Community

Yasmine Mohamed - York University (Undergraduate Paper) for the paper entitled:
Ethnic Segregation in Canadian Cities: The Impact of Multicultural Policies

The inaugural CAGONT Best Poster Award went to:

Chelsea LeBlanc - Brock University for the poster entitled:
Analyzing Slope Failure of Coprates Chasma, Valles Marineris, Mars using High Resolution Stereo Camera (HRSC) and Context Camera (CTX)

The Service to Ontario Geography Award for significant and lasting contributions to scholarship, teaching and broader service to Geography in Ontario was presented to **Dr. Jean Andrey - University of Waterloo** by outgoing CAGONT President **Dr. Bill Crumplin - Laurentian University**. The following was selected from her letter of nomination for those who might not happen to know of her or her work:

“Throughout her career, Jean has been recognized for excellence in teaching geography. This includes the:

- Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations Teaching Award 2004
- Canadian Association of Geographers Award for Excellence in Teaching Geography 2000
- And the University of Waterloo Distinguished Teacher Award 1995

It seems only appropriate that the Canadian Association of Geographers – Ontario Division (CAGONT) recognizes Jean for her accomplishments at a CAGONT annual meeting. The contributions from students in the Waterloo/Laurier Joint Graduate Program in Geography to CAGONT annual meetings have been greatly facilitated over the years by Dr. Andrey”.

Dr. Marilyne Jollineau - Brock University was elected the new CAGONT President, while **Chelsea LeBlanc - Brock University** was elected as the new Student Representative on the CAGONT Executive.

The CAGONT 2011 Annual Meeting will be hosted at the Lakehead University (Orillia Campus) on October 21-22. For more information, please see <http://cagont2011.lakeheadu.ca/>. The main theme chosen for the meeting is: *“Geography and Sustainability in a Changing World”*.

In preparation for the annual meeting later this year, the Executive would like to remind students that a pool of money has been set aside to fund student travel to the CAGONT Annual Meeting. This money is available to all student CAG members (**Student membership in the CAG only costs \$45 so this is a very good investment!**) - (Ph.D., Masters and undergraduate) travelling to the conference to present a paper. Students must be pre-registered. They will receive their registration fees back after the meeting (if they apply for it and submit proper documentation). Travel costs will be reimbursed. Students must supply receipts for travel (e.g., by rail, bus, or car). The pool of money will be distributed among applicants based on distance travelled. Applications must be approved by the Chair of the student’s department. Completed applications (with original receipts) should be sent to: Dr. Randy Dirszowsky (CAGONT Secretary/Treasurer), Department of Environmental Studies, Laurentian University, 935 Ramsey Lake Road, Sudbury, Ontario P3E 2C6.

The Executive would also like to note that the annual prizes for the Student Paper Competition have been increased to the following amounts: Undergraduate \$100, Master's \$150, Doctoral \$200. Additional information about this competition can be found at: <http://www.geography.ryerson.ca/cagont/#Awards>.

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