BIOGEOSCIENCES SECTION NEWS

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At the CGU Annual General Meeting in Toronto in May a new Biogeosciences section was approved. The following day a short meeting of the new section was held and at that time is was decided the membership of the CGU should be polled to determine who was interested in being affiliated with the Biogeosciences section. This was suggested because the small group that assembled was uncomfortable about selecting a slate of officers for the section without wider representation or advanced notice. So if you are interested in being affiliated with the Biogeosciences section, please send a short e-mail to nigel.roulet@mcgill.ca by mid-September 2009.

Remember you can be affiliated with more than one section, so an interest in the Biogeosciences does not affect your status with another section with which you are already affiliated. Based on the response by those CGU members who affiliate with the Biogeosciences, a temporary set of officers for the section will be recommended and put to the affiliated members for approval. This slate of officers will be interim officers and the first full election of officers will occur at the 2010 CGU meeting in Ottawa next spring.

However, the most important task for the new Biogeosciences Section for the coming year is to organize a series of sessions for the 2010 CGU meeting which will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (CMOS). A joint meeting of the CGU and CMOS provides several good opportunities for collaborative sessions around the Biogeosciences. If you have suggestions for Biogeosciences sessions at the next annual meeting please forward them to Nigel Roulet. We can then begin to put these together to ensure we have a good representation at the meeting. Joint sessions with other Sections of the CGU are also encouraged.

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