

**CGU-Biogeosciences Section Report**  
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The Biogeosciences Section had a very successful first annual meeting during CGU-CMOS joint assembly held in Ottawa from May 31-June 4, 2010. The Section hosted the following three sessions with 40 oral and poster presentations.

**(1) Carbon Cycling of Canadian Forests and Peatlands**

Convenors: Hank Margolis (Laval University), Harry McCaughey (Queens University)

**(2) Interactions Among Biogeochemical Cycles**

Convenors: Carl Mitchell (University of Toronto) Rick Bourbonniere (Environment Canada) and Merrin Macrae (University of Waterloo)

**(3) General Biogeoscience**

Convenors: Altaf Arain (McMaster University), Elyn Humphreys (Carlton University)

In 2010, the Section also focused on organizational and recruitment activities and elected/selected the following executive members during the Ottawa meeting:

- Dr. Altaf Arain (President and Treasurer, McMaster University)
- Dr. Edward Johnson (Vice President, University of Calgary)
- Dr. Carl Mitchell (Secretary, University of Toronto)
- Dr. Merrin Macrae (Member at large, University of Waterloo)

An email list comprising more than 260 Canadian researchers focusing on biogeosciences related disciplines has been established. The CGU-Biogeosciences Section bank account has been opened and its current balance, as of December 2010 is \$862.

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