

President's Report

The CGU Hydrology Section (CGU-HS) continues with a busy schedule of activities and initiatives. The CGU-HS was a prominent contributor to the Joint Assembly with the AGU and GAC-MAC in Montreal, where the attendance at our 30 oral sessions (212 abstracts) and 20 poster sessions (113 abstracts) was very high. The annual Woo Lecture entitled "Rivers in the Anthropocene: Global Modification of Nutrient Cycles by River Damming" was presented by Professor Philippe VanCappellen, Canada Excellence Research Chair in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Waterloo. His talk focussed on how dams have changed the water quality of downstream aquatic ecosystems and the environmental impacts of these changes from local to global scales.

The CGU-HS presides and adjudicates over three awards. The D.M. Gray Scholarship (a Union award) was awarded to MSc. Candidate Michael Lathuilière, Resources Management and Environmental Studies, University of British Columbia. The D.M. Gray Award for Best Student Paper in Hydrology was awarded to Ph.D. student Colin McCarter, Department of Geography and Environmental Management, University of Waterloo. The Campbell Scientific Award for Best Student Poster in Hydrology was awarded to Ph.D. student Aminul Haque, Centre for Earth Observation Science, University of Manitoba. The competition was strong in all categories with many high-quality submissions.

As in previous years, the CGU-HS has prepared a special issue of selected papers to be published in Hydrological Processes. The issue will be published in August and highlights 29 papers presented at the 2014 meeting on a range of topics from climate change impacts on regional hydrology to small-scale hydrological process studies. Once again, Hydrological Processes (Wiley) has agreed to host a special issue for papers presented at the 2015 meeting. The 2015 issue will also include a selection of papers presented at the workshop on Extreme Weather and Hydrology, held in Canmore on 11-12 February, 2014. Manuscripts should be submitted via the normal online procedure by 30 September 2015.

The CGU-HS continues to sponsor annual student meetings. This year's student meeting was held jointly with the Biogeosciences and Earth Surface Processes sections at the Cold Regions Research Centre, Wilfrid Laurier University on 7 February, 2015. Over 90 students, faculty and other researchers/technicians attended this very lively and enjoyable meeting in which four awards were granted for exceptional talks and posters: Colin McCarter (Waterloo), Allison McManus (Laurier), Patrick Padovan (Guelph), Ashley Rudy (Queen's).

Five committees were sanctioned by the HS executive and approved by the membership over the last year. They are the Committee on Isotopic Tracers (Trish Stadnyk, Chair); Northern Research Basins (NRB) Committee (Richard Janowicz, Chair); Hydroecology Committee (Daniel Peters, Chair); Urban Hydrology Committee (Claire Oswald and Tim Duval, Co-Chairs); and the Committee on River Ice Processes and the Environment, CRIPE (Brian Morse, Chair).

Finally, Tim Duval (Member at Large for Committees) completed his two-year term in May, 2015. The HS executive sanctioned Barret Kurylyk (University of Calgary) to fill the vacancy, and the membership adopted this change at the AGM. I wish to thank Tim Duval (University of Toronto) for his exceptional service on the executive, and to welcome Barret Kurylyk to the HS executive.