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FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CGU

There has been considerable discussion at CGU Executive Committee meetings about future locations for the annual meetings. Options considered vary from holding all future meetings in Banff to returning to the old system of moving locations every year. For the past few years we have met in Banff. One advantage of a stable location (analogous to the Dec. AGU meeting in San Francisco) is that everyone knows ahead of time where the meeting will be held, and can plan accordingly. Another is that with a willing and able local organizing committee in place at the University of Calgary, each successive meeting runs more smoothly and with seemingly (at least to the rest of us) little effort. A final advantage is that Banff is in a beautiful location to which people from across the country are attracted, with many diverse options for mid-meeting field excursions. The major disadvantage is that the same group of scientists are always faced with the expense of long distance travel for themselves and their students. In an attempt to offset this aspect of a constant Banff location the CGU student travel award fund has been increased to \$5,000 per year. These funds are to contribute to travel expenses of graduate students travelling from northern or eastern Canada to the Banff meetings. Nevertheless the CGU Meeting Questionnaire, summarized above, indicates some interest in occasional meetings elsewhere in Canada.

We are committed to Banff for the 1997 meeting since the facilities must be booked two years in

advance. Therefore, 1998 is the first possible occasion to hold a meeting elsewhere. Since 1998 is the International Year of the Ocean, an east coast location such as Halifax might be appropriate. However, in order to hold a meeting in a new location we need volunteers to form the local organizing committee.. Please send suggestions for an eastern venue for 1998 or later, and/or names of potential local organizers to Roy Hyndman, President of the CGU, at the coordinates given at the end of this newsletter.

1995 CGU MEETING QUESTIONNAIRE

Summary of 46 Respondents

1. Location in Canada

Do you prefer to always have the annual CGU Meeting in Banff? YES: 23 NO: 23

If NO, would you prefer to have meetings in eastern Canada (a) every second year? 14

(b) Occasionally? 12

Where? *Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Waterloo, Toronto, Maritimes, Halifax.*

Should there be joint meetings of CGU with other societies? YES: 34 NO: 6

Which Society? *GAC, AGU, WSC, ESC, CMOS, IAH, Lithoprobe, CSEG, MAC*

2. Time of Meeting

What is your preferred time period for the meeting?

early May, mid-May, late May, & early June.

What other meeting times or dates should be avoided?

CSEG, GAC, SEG, AGU, WSC, ESC

3. Duration of Meeting

Do you prefer a meeting of:

(a) 3 days (with evening se