

BIOGEOSCIENCES SECTION REPORT  
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The Biogeosciences Section (BGS) was active in two conferences in the past year; BGS jointly held the Eastern Student conference with the Hydrology Section, and was involved with three sessions at the 2012 Joint Meeting with CWRA in Banff, Alberta from, June 5-8. At the Joint Meeting, the section elected/selected the following executive members:

Dr. Brett Eaton (President and Treasure, University of British Columbia)  
Dr. Merrin Macrae (Vice President, University of Waterloo)  
Dr. Altaf Arain (Treasurer, McMaster University)  
Dr. Carl Mitchell (Secretary, University of Toronto)  
Dr. Mark Johnson (Member at Large, University of British Columbia)  
Dr. Tim Duval (Member at Large, University of Toronto)  
Dr. Edward Johnson (Past Vice President, University of Calgary)

In 2012, the Section focused developing plans to increase membership in the BGS section and improve the visibility of research in the Biogeosciences at CGU meetings. One approach is to target key session themes each year, which are to the focus of the annual meetings. For 2013, we are actively encouraging members to submit session proposals related to Biometeorology, since the 2013 CGU meeting will be held jointly with CMOS. At future meetings, we will focus on Biogeomorphology and Ecohydrology. The BGS group also plans to initiate a “Mentorship Dinner” program in which students can sign up to go out to dinner with member/mentor, and facilitates mentorship, collaboration opportunities and networking.

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