

Geodesy Section News

This is a report on the activities of the Geodesy Section of the Canadian Geophysical Union during the CMOS-CGU-AMS 2007 Joint Meeting, held at the Delta Hotel and the St. John's Congress Centre, Newfoundland and Labrador, May 28th through June 1st: Meeting of the Executive, Annual General Meeting, hosting of meeting sessions, and Student Paper Competition.

A total of 5 Geodesy- related sessions were held during the CMOS-CGU-AMS 2007 Joint Meeting. They were:

I07: Monitoring Earth Systems Dynamics from Space

Convener: Alexander Braun

I09: Exploring the Synergy between Geodesy and Meteorology

Conveners: Marcelo Santos and, Susan Skone

G03: Multi-scale Deformation Monitoring for Earth Science and Engineering

Convener: Georgia Fotopoulos

G06: Understanding the Relationships between Terrestrial and Oceanographic Datums

Conveners: Jiangliang Huang, Daniel R. Roman

G08: Advances in geophysical techniques: theory and applications

Conveners: Rod Blais and John Bancroft

Two guest speakers participated in the sessions: Dr. Seth Gutmann, from NOAA, and Dr. Remko Scharroo, from Delft University.

This year's winner of the Student Paper Award was Mr. Mohammed Daboor, a graduate student from the University of Calgary. His paper was entitled "Digital elevations from SRTM and ICESat: Effects of Terrain Slope and Dynamic Terrain". The \$500 prize award is sponsored by the Geodetic Survey Division of NRCan

Other geodetic papers were recognized during the CGU Annual Meeting. Mr. Wouter van der Wal won the CGU best student paper award and Mr. Mahmoud Abd El-Gelil won the Chevron Canada Outstanding Student Paper in Seismology (Oral Presentation).

On a very important note, Dr. Herb Dragert, from PCG/GSC, and former Geodesy Section Executive, was this year's recipient of the Tuzo Wilson Award.