

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The 61st annual meeting of the Eastern Snow Conference (ESC) was held 9–11 June 2004 in Portland, Maine, USA, and was by all measures another well-organized and successful meeting. There were 47 people registered, including 12 students, presenting 21 oral and 11 poster papers. The presentations were exceptional and I thank everyone who presented—the success of any meeting is a function of the quality of the people and their work. The meeting maintained its traditional focus on a range of themes, including lake ice, measuring snow and ice processes, remote sensing of snow and ice, glaciers, and basic scale snow estimates. The last session explored winter storms (read Nor'easters) that often prevail along the eastern seaboard, and 2004 was no exception. The Holiday Inn by the Bay provided excellent conference and accommodation facilities and the banquet at DeMillo's floating restaurant was a unique setting that I think all enjoyed.

The ESC operates remarkably smoothly considering that its membership is so diverse and far-flung; this is due largely to those individuals who make up the ESC Executive. I thank the 2004 Executive for their hard work this past year. I would be remiss if I did not single out Derrill Cowing, Tom Hawley (local arrangements), and Susan Taylor (VP and Program Chair) for their time and efforts in making the 61st meeting a success. Since the Executive remains largely intact for 2005, I can only conclude the official duties are not too onerous, and in fact from time to time might even be fun. I also thank our Corporate members (listed in the Foreword) for their continued support of the ESC.

The Wiesnet Medal, which is awarded to the best student paper, was won by J. Farzaneh—I congratulate him on a very fine piece of work. The ESC will continue its efforts to attract students at all levels and I will climb on the soapbox for a moment to ask all ESC members to go out of their way to encourage students to submit papers to the ESC. The feedback I have received over the years convinces me that our meeting is an ideal forum for introducing students to the rigors of conference presentation.

The flagship of the ESC is our Proceedings and I acknowledge here the high quality and professionalism of our Editors, Robert and Susan, and I thank them for their continuous hard work. Also, a number of the papers presented at the Conference have been submitted to *Hydrological Processes* for publication, and I am grateful to John and Andrew for working with *HP*. This link certainly raises our profile and I hope it continues. Andrew is also our Webmaster and I note here his ongoing service to the ESC. I am sure he's glad I won't be e-mailing him quite as frequently as I did this past year!

In closing, I invite you to attend the 62nd meeting of the Eastern Snow Conference to be held at Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, in early June 2005. The meeting promises to be an exciting and potentially larger get-together since we are planning sessions focusing on the work of members of CliC (Climate in Cryosphere). As well, with the upcoming International Polar Year (IPY) fast approaching, Dr. Barry Goodison and Dr. Mary Albert (both past ESC presidents), who are directing the Canadian and U.S. efforts for the IPY, respectively, will be giving keynote addresses. As you read this, remember to check out our Web site at www.easternsnow.org for up-to-date details of this meeting.

Best Regards,

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