

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The 62nd annual meeting of the Eastern Snow Conference (ESC) was held at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario (7–10 June 2005). Of the 64 people who attended the conference, 17 were students. This year we had a large international presence representing researchers from 10 countries. In total, 42 talks were given and 18 posters were presented at the conference. There were sessions on snow modeling, remote sensing of snow, glaciers and glacial processes, blowing snow, changes in the cryosphere, and cold climate technologies. During the special session on the International Polar Year (IPY) we were treated to keynote addresses by Dr. Barry Goodison and Dr. Mary Albert (both past ESC Presidents), who are, respectively, directing the Canadian and U.S. efforts for the IPY. The quality of the presentations and of the studies being conducted were exceptional and I thank all who shared their data at the meeting.

The success of the 2005 meeting rests with the Executive. I thank Michael English, who, along with Chris Derksen and Miles Ecclestone, made all the local arrangements; our treasurers, Derrill Cowing and Miles Ecclestone, for keeping us in the black; and Claude Duguay (VP and Program Chair) for organizing and running the 62nd meeting. Andrew Klein, our Webmaster, has helped the ESC join the digital age. I also thank our Corporate members (listed in the Foreword) for their continued support of the ESC.

The Campbell Scientific Medal, which is awarded to the best student paper where instrumentation plays a key role, was awarded to Warren Helgason for his work on turbulent heat and mass exchange between the atmosphere and a snowpack. Congratulations, Warren!

The *ESC Proceedings* have been published for 62 years. I find this a remarkable feat for a small organization run by a handful of researchers. Editing the proceedings is one of the most time-consuming jobs and I thank our Editors, Dr. Robert Hellstrom and Susan Frankenstein, for their hard work. This is also the tenth anniversary of ESC's partnership with *Hydrological Processes*, where a number of the papers presented at the conference are published. I thank *Hydrological Processes* for providing ESC participants the opportunity to publish in the journal, and Drs. John Pomeroy and Andrew Klein for handling the *Hydrological Processes* submissions.

I invite you to attend the 63rd meeting of the Eastern Snow Conference, to be held at the University of Delaware in early June 2006. Please visit our Web site (www.easternsnow.org) for up-to-date details of this meeting.

Best Regards,

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