

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The spring season is a busy period for conferences in the geophysical science community. In recent years, the executives of the Eastern Snow Conference have worked hard to raise the scientific profile of the ESC annual meeting, and the very strong attendance (approximately 85 attendees) at our 65th annual meeting in Fairlee, Vermont illustrated the progress we've made. The annual meeting of the ESC is now a notable venue for presenting new research results on the cryosphere in general and snow cover in particular. The 2007 ESC meeting was part of a joint congress of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society, Canadian Geophysical Union, and American Meteorological Society. While these large meetings are important for maintaining the profile of the ESC, it was rewarding to see such a strong and full technical program for the standalone meeting this year. Thank you to all the presenters and attendees for making the 65th annual ESC meeting a resounding success.

The local arrangements committee selected a scenic and relaxing venue. Thanks to Rae Melloh, Susan Frankenstein, Janet Hardy, Sally Shoop, and Renee Melendy for facilitating a very well-organized meeting. Steven Fassnacht (Vice President and program chair) coordinated an efficient program of 36 oral presentations and 35 posters, including keynote presentations from former ESC Presidents Bert Davis and Mary Albert. Bert led off the conference with a forward-looking discussion of remote sensing contributions to snow hydrology in an era now characterized by a lack of stationarity. Mary provided an insightful and entertaining overview of the Norwegian–U.S. Scientific Traverse of East Antarctica at the ESC banquet.

Student participation is an important component of the ESC annual meeting and a full slate of student awards was presented this year. Congratulations to Christopher Karmosky (Penn State University) for winning the inaugural David Hewitt Award for best student poster, Nicholas Kinar (University of Saskatchewan), recipient of the Campbell Scientific Award, and Christopher Fuhrmann (University of North Carolina) winner of the Wiesnet Medal for best student paper.

We are pleased to note some new developments with the ESC Proceedings. With the 2008 publication, we will move to digital distribution, so you should be reading this along with a DVD instead of the traditional bound copy. Susan Frankenstein and Rob Hellström continue to provide exceptional leadership in producing the ESC Proceedings each year. The entire back catalogue of Proceedings will also be available online at the ESC website (www.easternsnow.org). Thanks to Andrew Klein and Miles Ecclestone for coordinating this effort. We continue to produce an annual special issue of *Hydrological Processes*. Andrew Klein and John Pomeroy continue in their role as Guest Editors—thanks to Andrew and John for maintaining the research profile of the ESC.

The ongoing success of the ESC is dependant on extensive behind-the-scenes efforts by our volunteer executives. Notable thanks are due to Miles Ecclestone and Derrill Cowing, our Canadian and American secretary-treasurers. Miles and Derrill ensure the financial stability of the ESC, and always contribute significantly to the organization of the annual meeting.

I'd like to invite you to the 2009 Eastern Snow Conference to be held in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario in the heart of wine country on the Niagara Peninsula (technical program chair—Richard Kelly, University of Waterloo). With the full program this year, we anticipate moving to an extended meeting format of three days. Please continue to check the ESC website for further information.

Best regards, and thank you for your continued support of the Eastern Snow Conference.

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