

COMMITTEE OF PROVINCIAL GEOLOGISTS CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 1998

The Committee of Provincial Geologists met as a Committee twice: in Toronto in March 1998, in conjunction with the PDAC Convention, and in Calgary in July, in conjunction with the Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference. Each of these meetings flowed into a National Geological Surveys Committee as the Geological Survey of Canada joined the discussions.

Many of the activities of the Committee were carried out in cooperation with the GSC, through the National Geological Surveys Committee. They included the Team Canada exhibit at the PDAC Convention, a contribution to the PDAC-IGWG report on Alternative Funding Arrangements for Geological Surveys, an initiative to establish a National Geoscience Knowledge Network, a workshop on the national geoscience program and a geological field trip in conjunction with the Energy and Mines Ministers' Conference. A workshop involving staff and management of the GSC and provincial and territorial surveys on the National Geoscience Knowledge Network is planned for late 1998 or early 1999.

British Columbia professionally produced the 1998 Provincial Geologists Journal, and the Committee contributed an article to Geoscience Canada describing the activities of each member survey.

The Committee established the Provincial Geologists Medal of Merit, which will be awarded each year to a provincial or territorial geological survey staff member in recognition of outstanding contributions.

The Committee contributed to geoscience in Canada through its representation on various boards and committees. Jan Boon served on the Minister's National Advisory Board on Earth Science; Andy Fyon represented CPG at the Canadian Geoscience Council; Jean-Louis Caty attended the meeting of the Council of Chairs of Canadian Earth Science Departments; Ron Smyth was involved in Lithoprobe; and, Scott Swinden and Carolyn Relf in NATMAP.

In summary, the Committee has had an active year, with continually increasing federal-provincial cooperation.

Jan Boon
CPG Chair, 1998