

# AUGC 2009: CSEG University Outreach

59th Annual Atlantic University Geoscience Conference,  
October 22-24, 2009. Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada



The Atlantic University Geoscience Conference is the most successful student conferences in the region. This year's event was hosted by students from St Mary's University Geology department. Approximately 150 geoscience students attended from St. Francis Xavier, Saint Mary's, Acadia University, Memorial, Dalhousie, and the University of New Brunswick. There were 16 student presentations, and 11 posters displayed. The **CSEG Award for the Best Geophysical Presentation** at the AUGC, and a \$300.00 prize, was awarded to 4th Year Geophysics Honours student **Byron Kelly** from **Memorial University** of Newfoundland.

Students also had the opportunity to attend a number of short courses and or field trips. Students from the different geoscience departments of Atlantic Universities had the opportunity to create ties with fellow colleagues, meet researchers from other universities, and network with

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Stephen Kotkas (Left) and Paul Hausmanis (Right) present the CSEG Best Geophysical Presentation Award to Byron Kelly (Centre) of Memorial University.

industry professionals. The CSEG was a Gold Sponsor of this event and volunteers Stephen Kotkas (Sigma Explorations Inc) and Paul Hausmanis (Canadian Natural Resources Limited) attended the conference on behalf of the CSEG.

On Thursday evening of the Conference the **CSEG AUGC Challenge Bowl** took place on the Harbour Queen during a tour of the Halifax Harbour. Each university was represented, with the eventual winner being the team of **Alexander Kaul** and **Leah Chiste** from **Acadia University**. They look forward to competing in the CSEG Canadian Challenge Bowl finals at GeoCanada 2010 in Calgary in May. All in all the 2009 AUGC was a success because of the efforts of the organizing committee. Students look forward to attending the 2010 AUGC next fall at Acadia University. *R*

For further background see: <http://www.smu.ca/academic/science/geology/geology/AUGC/home.html>



Atlantic Geoscience Society gave Certificates of Presentation to AUGC Student speakers and poster authors.



## Calendar of Future CSEG University Outreach Events

Dates	Event	Location
January 7-10	WUIGC Western Inter-University Geoscience Conference	University of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
February 10	GeoSkills (Student & Industry Mini-Courses, Luncheon & Mixer)	Downtown, Calgary, Alberta
May 11	CSEG Challenge Bowl, at GeoCanada 2010	Calgary, Alberta
Summer	CSEG SIFT Student Industry Field Trip	Calgary, Alberta