



2006 Winter Newsletter for Student Members

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## WHAT'S UP WITH SCL?

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A recent meeting was held with students attending the 2006 SCL/CCFFR conference in Calgary, Alberta (January 7, 2006: 5 to 6 pm in the Marquis Room at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel), followed by a social mixer. The objective of the meeting was to identify ways for SCL to improve linkages and communication with students. Thirty-one students participated in the meeting and represented universities from central and western Canada: University of Toronto, Trent University, University of Guelph, Queens University, University of Waterloo, Laurentian University, University of Windsor, York University, University of Regina, University of Calgary, University of Alberta, Simon Fraser University, and the University of British Columbia. Goals for SCL that were identified in the meeting are: 1) improve mentorship of students, 2) have social mixers/scientific discussion groups for students at the beginning of conferences, 3) establish university student reps and local/regional aquatic student groups, 4) establish a weblog on the website, 5) become more integrated with CARS and CWN, and 6) provide greater investment in updating membership lists. Several candidates were nominated for a student-invited speaker for the 2007 meeting and a student vote will be held this spring.

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## 1. Results of Student Meeting

### A) Nominations for student-invited speaker for 2007 meeting

Dolf Schluter (University of British Columbia)

Celia Chen (Dartmouth College)

For more nominations, please contact SCL student reps.

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A student vote will be held this spring.

### B) What would students like from SCL?

#### • *Greater mentorship*

Establish a workshop for students led by scientists senior in their field.

Ideas: a) scientific discussion on a topic

(e.g., future limnological issues in Canada?)

b) round-table discussion on how to be successful as a scientist

#### • *Social mixers/ scientific discussions* at beginning of meetings to facilitate the integration of new students.

#### • *Student representatives from each Canadian university* to co-ordinate with SCL student representatives. This could be expanded into local or regional university groups that could interact both socially and scientifically via mini-conferences.

For example, Fisheries and Marine Ecosystem (FAME) West Coast Group, led by **Carrie Holt**, SFU. Work is in place for establishing FAME East Coast for marine and fisheries biologists.

**Jennifer Tran** (Collins Lab, University of Toronto at Mississauga, [Jennifer.tran@utoronto.ca](mailto:Jennifer.tran@utoronto.ca)) is interested in organizing a student conference for aquatic research conducted in Ontario universities. She is compiling a list of all aquatic graduate students at Ontario universities. We will be looking for student reps from each university to represent these groups. **Melissa Moos** has offered to be a university rep for Queens.

Initiation of someone to take charge of a central Canada aquatic group?

Enhanced interactions with the already-established GRIL group in Quebec?

Introduce this idea to eastern Canada SCL students at the next eastern SCL meeting (2008).

#### • *Establishment of a Weblog* on the SCL website.

**François Villeneuve** from Trent University ([francoisvilleneuve@trentu.ca](mailto:francoisvilleneuve@trentu.ca)) has agreed to take a lead on this objective and will coordinate with Communication Officer Pedro Peres-Neto.

• ***Improved communication and integration with other aquatic sciences groups.***

**CARS** (Canadian Aquatic Resources Section of the American Fisheries Society): <http://www.fisheries.org/cars/en/faq.htm>

A student representative from CARS (**Brett van Poorten**, UBC) was present at the meeting. It was agreed that there is a need for greater cohesiveness and communication between SCL and CARS. One potential future area where CARS and SCL could overlap is in influencing government policy for water quantity and quality, habitat degradation, invasive species, resource harvesting etc. This is a role that CARS already plays in fisheries-related issues.

**CWN** (Canadian Water Network): <http://www.cwn-rce.ca/>

The Regional Activities Rep West from CWN, **Ken Jeffries** of the University of Calgary, was present at the meeting. Originally established a Network of Centres of Excellence for improving quality of water resources, every student working in the field of water can now join. Soon it will be possible to register on the CWN website. Three main programs are supported by the CWN: 1) management strategies for protecting watersheds and ecosystems, 2) protecting public health, and 3) ensuring sustainable water infrastructure.

**C) How can we improve student membership with SCL?**

• ***Greater investment in updating member lists.***

SCL should be more aggressive in soliciting members to update their contacts when they change.

SCL should be more aggressive in pursuing memberships beyond conference attendees, which may change from year to year as the conference shifts central-west-east Canada.

• Ideas for fee encouragement for students: slight fee reductions after 2, 3, 4 year etc??

**2. List of Meeting Participants**

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### 3. Summary of current SCL student services

- ***New student newsletter*** to update students on society news, fee and conference schedules, scholarships etc. Sent out once to twice a year.

- ***Student housing pool for conference meeting***

Coordination of room-mates at SCL meetings to assist with reducing costs for students that are traveling alone. Please contact the SCL student reps if you are interested for the 2006 ASLO and 2007 SIL meetings.

- ***Re-activation of the Peters Award***

To be given for best student lead-authored paper within the last five years dealing with a topic related to aquatic sciences. The paper must come from a Canadian institution (located in Canada) or a Canadian citizen (author) and includes both non-Canadians studying in Canada and Canadians studying at home or overseas. To be considered in the competition, the student may apply for the award or may be nominated by the student's supervisor or colleague familiar with the work.

● **DIALOG**

DIALOG is a program for recent PhD graduates that includes a symposium to foster interdisciplinary understanding, collaborations, and early-career development across the full range of aquatic science, freshwater and salt, basic and applied.

SCL has committed \$2000/year for 3 years to ASLO to help sponsor newly-graduated Canadian PhD students in attending DIALOG. Canadian participants have matched funding from SCL and ASLO to attend. A poster will advertise the winners and their projects at the SCL meetings. Participants need to send copies of reports to SCL by November 15 of the year of their attendance at DIALOG.

Please visit <http://www.aslo.org/phd.html> if you are interested.

● **New Website!**

<http://uregina.ca/~scl/society.htm>

A reminder to fill out your member profiles – it is really easy!

Contact Communication Officer Pedro Peres-Neto at [pedro.peres-neto@uregina.ca](mailto:pedro.peres-neto@uregina.ca) to obtain a login. The web-site will be logged on with a password that will give each user the possibility to edit him/herself, as well as secure information.

We are hoping to build a network of web-based aquatic scientist profiles from across Canada to facilitate scientific collaboration, connecting potential supervisors with potential students etc.

● **Student-Invited Speaker for 2007 SCL/SIL meeting**

Please send student requests for an SCL-sponsored speaker at the next SCL meeting. Who would you like to meet at the next SCL meeting?

● **Student Social Mixers at Meetings**

#### 4. Other Upcoming Meetings:

● **2006 ASLO Meeting (Victoria, BC)**

co-sponsored by SCL

4-9 June, 2006

<http://aslo.org/meetings/victoria2006/>

**Opportunities for meeting fee reductions/ coverage:**

- a) A/V projectionist volunteers at 2006 ASLO-SCL meeting
- b) Volunteer at SIL booth at 2006 ASLO-SCL meeting

● **2007 SCL/SIL Meeting (Montreal, QC)**

co-sponsored by SCL

2-18 Aug, 2007

<http://www.unites.uqam.ca/sil2007/>

**Opportunities for meeting fee reductions/ coverage:**

- a) A/V projectionist volunteers at 2007 SIL-SCL meeting

## 5. Changes to SCL Executive

As of January 2006, there are newly-elected members of the SCL executive for the term 2006 to 2008 inclusive:

**President:** Dr. Helene Cyr, University of Toronto

**Vice-President (Francophone):** Dr. Roxane Maranger, Université de Montréal

**Vice-President (Anglophone):** Martha Guy, Environment Canada

**Vice-President (Development):** Dr. Norm Yan, York University

The following positions stand from the previous executive:

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Dr. Rolf Vinebrooke, University of Alberta

**Communication Officer:** Dr. Pedro Peres-Neto, University of Regina

**Student Representative (Francophone):** Jérôme Marty, UQAM

**Student Representative (Anglophone):** Alison Derry, Queens University

Please consult SCL webpage <http://uregina.ca/~scl/society.htm> for e-mail contacts.

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