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In 2009, the International Applied Geochemistry Symposium (IAGS) is returning to North America and Canada after a 10-year absence; it is returning to its roots, where the Association held its first meeting in 1976. IAGS 2009 is the biannual meeting of the Association of Applied Geochemists

(AAG). It is also co-sponsored by the International Association of Geochemistry (IAGC) and the International Association of Geoanalysts (IAG), and will include the North Atlantic Minerals Symposium (NAMS). IAGS 2009 is jointly organized by geoscientists from the University of New Brunswick (UNB), the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources, the New Brunswick Research and Productivity Council, and the New Brunswick Department of the Environment, and by professionals drawn from the consulting engineering and mineral exploration industry in New Brunswick.



The University of New Brunswick, where the meeting will be held, was the first public university established in North America.

The local organizing committee invites you to come and enjoy some Maritime Canada hospitality, as well as participate in a program that includes 5 workshops, over 15 special sessions, 6 field trips, and last but not least, a plenary session to honor the contributions of Dr. Gerry Govett, a founding member of the association, prolific author, and former faculty member at UNB. Please check out the website for more details.

David Lentz
Chair IAGS 2009

24th International Applied Geochemistry Symposium 2009 Monday, June 1 to Thursday, June 4, 2009

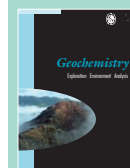
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www.unb.ca/conferences/IAGS2009

FORMER AAG PRESIDENT (2001) NIGEL RADFORD WINS AWARD



For outstanding and sustained research excellence in geoscience, Dr. Nigel Radford of Newmont (Asia Pacific region) was presented the 2008 Butt-Smith Medal by Drs. Charles Butt and Ray Smith at the Australian Earth Science Convention in Perth. The Cooperative Research Centre for Landscape Environments and Mineral Exploration (CRC LEME) award of the 2008 Butt-Smith Medal recognizes "Nigel's role in advancing the application

of regolith geoscience, developing new geochemical approaches to exploration through cover, as being truly groundbreaking." Nigel is also internationally respected as a mentor and teacher to all who have had the good fortune to know him. The photo shows Nigel recently taking a soil-gas sample, instead of the huge stream-sediment and regolith samples he's used to.



AAG's journal, *Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, Analysis*, is now available online via the Lyell Collection (www.lyellcollection.org), which is searchable for books and journals. For more information on activating your AAG-member subscription, please check the December 2008 issue of our *EXPLORE* newsletter or the AAG website.



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NANCY SCHOOL OF GEOLOGY CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY

From 25 to 27 September 2008, the Nancy School of Geology (École Nationale Supérieure de Géologie) held a major event at Place Carnot in Nancy for its centenary celebration. The event featured a large "geosciences job fair" involving more than 40 companies, and included various activities for children and the general public presenting the geosciences and associated careers. The centennial was honored to have the participation of managers of companies such as Total, Schlumberger, Areva, Technip, Soletanche-Bachy, Eramet, Burgeap, CGG-Veritas, and Veolia, as well as prominent local personalities and city managers. During the three days, about 19,000 people visited the 8000 m² of tents in the Géologia 2008 village. Géologia 2008 was one of the largest International Year of Planet Earth events in France and required fundraising from companies and numerous local institutions.

The Nancy School of Geology graduates more than 100 students every year at the master's level in geological engineering. Engineers from Nancy have expertise in economic and mine geology, petroleum geology, geomodeling, reservoir technology, civil engineering, hydrogeology, and environmental sciences. Many of them lead brilliant careers and often occupy managerial positions in major companies. The school has also produced a number of high-level scientists with international reputations, such as Edouard Bard and Marc Chaussidon. The centenary coincided with a change in the leadership of the school, with Professor Jean-Marc Montel replacing Professor Jean-Paul Tisot. "Developping



international cooperation with other top-level universities worldwide is one of the challenges the school must face", said J.-M. Montel (www.ensg.inpl-nancy.fr).

Géologia 2008, Nancy. From left to right: Andrew Gould, Schlumberger CEO; André Rossinot, Mayor of Nancy; Patrick Pouyanné, TOTAL E&P Vice-President for Strategy; Jean-Paul Tisot, former Head of the Nancy School of Geology

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON MINERALOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH

This symposium, to be held 17–18 September 2009, at Champs/ Marne, Marne-la-Vallée (France), will provide a forum for the exchange of ideas on recent advances in research and development in environmental mineralogy, toxicology and medical geology and their links to other disciplines. Environmental mineralogy and geochemistry are interdisciplinary fields dealing with systems at or near Earth's surface, where the geosphere interacts with the hydrosphere, the

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