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 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.

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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.

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