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Fellow of Geoscientists Canada designation established to honour and recognize contributors to professionalism in Canadian geoscience.

Vancouver — Geoscientists Canada is pleased to announce the institution of the designation Fellow of Geoscientists Canada and to honour the election of the inaugural 482 Fellowship recipients.

At its recent meeting in Winnipeg, Manitoba on June 1, 2013, the Board of Directors of Geoscientists approved the election of the first Fellows of Geoscientists Canada. The Geoscientists Canada Fellowship honours individuals who have given noteworthy service to the geoscience profession, through service to Geoscientists Canada, service to one of the provincial and territorial regulatory bodies that are the constituent associations of Geoscientists Canada, or service in another capacity.

Being bestowed with this honour, means that these dedicated geoscientists have the privilege of using the designation "Fellow of Geoscientists Canada" ["FGC"]. Dedicated individuals, who are selected, who are not geoscientists may use the designation "Honorary Geoscientists Canada Fellow" ["FGC (Hon.)"].

Fellowship recognition is granted through the receipt of a personalized certificate and a specially minted gold lapel pin. The Fellow of Geoscientists Canada pin features a sunburst motif set behind a crescent representing a portion of the globe, that together are stylized into the outline of a maple leaf. The pin represents the duty of care that the profession of geoscience in Canada has as it serves society through advancing explanatory knowledge of the Earth and Earth systems.

In all, 482 individuals were elected Fellows of Geoscientists Canada as part of this year's inaugural nomination round. Nominees meeting the specified criteria were sought from all 10 of the provincial and territorial regulatory bodies that are the constituent associations of Geoscientists Canada.

A special ceremony took place as part of Geoscientists Canada's annual meetings in Winnipeg, during which all those in attendance, and so elected, were bestowed with their Fellowships. Other recipients will be presented with their Fellowships at subsequent events across Canada, through the balance of the year.

Speaking of the Fellowship and this year's recipients, the President of Geoscientists Canada, Greg Vogelsang, P.Geo, stated "It is an honour to have assumed the Presidency of Geoscientists Canada at this time of introduction of this important new Fellowship. Professionalism has now evolved to a point where it embraces and impacts all geoscience activity in Canada. So it is very important that we have a mechanism, now and for the future, that will allow all those who have contributed



to the profession to be appropriately honoured and publically recognized. My congratulations to our 2013 recipients.”

He concluded by saying “The large number of Fellows elected this first year is a true reflection of the depth and breadth of involvement of people engaged in getting Canada’s geoscience profession to where it is today.”

Complete details about the Fellowship and a full list of Fellows of Geoscientists Canada" ["FGC"] and "Honorary Geoscientists Canada Fellow" ["FGC (Hon.)"] can be viewed on the Geoscientists Canada website at www.ccpq.ca.

The mission of Geoscientists Canada is to develop consistent high standards for licensure and practice of geoscience, to facilitate national and international mobility, and to promote recognition of Canadian professional geoscientists.

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