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Dr. Gregory C. Finn, P.Geo. elected President of Geoscientists Canada for 2011-2012

At its 14th Annual General Meeting, Geoscientists Canada elected Dr. Gregory C. Finn, P.Geo. of Ontario, to serve as its President for the period 2011-2012. Dr. Finn is Associate Professor of Earth Sciences and Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic, at Brock University, in St Catharines, Ontario.

Geoscientists Canada, which is the business name of the Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists, is the national organization of the 10 provincial and territorial licensing bodies/ordre that regulate the practice of geoscience in Canada.

Dr. Finn holds a B.Sc in Geological Sciences from Queen's University, an M.Sc in Geology from the University of Western Ontario and a Ph.D in Earth Sciences from Memorial University of Newfoundland. Since joining the faculty at Brock University in 1985, Dr. Finn has taken on roles of increasing responsibility: from Assistant to Associate Professor, to Chair of the Department of Earth Sciences to Associate Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science. He is currently Vice Provost and Associate Vice-President, Academic at Brock University.

A Precambrian geologist by training with numerous publications to his name, Dr. Finn, who still maintains a teaching function, now dedicates much of his time to administration, outreach activities and science education in general.

Dr. Finn has an extensive background in volunteer involvement in the geoscience community and the science education community, serving both technical and learned societies, and professional associations. He was appointed to the Transition Council of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) serving from 2000 to 2004. In that crucial startup period he also served as the Chair of the APGO Registration Committee. In 2008 he returned to APGO Council where he served as President in 2009-2010. Dr. Finn served as President of the Science Teachers Association of Ontario, 2000-2001 and as a Councillor in the Geological Association of Canada 2005-2008.

At Geoscientists Canada, Dr. Finn was appointed by APGO to serve as its representative on the Canadian Geoscience Standards Board in 2004, which he went on to chair from 2008-2010. He was then appointed Ontario director on the Board of Directors of Geoscientists Canada by APGO in 2009, where he later joined the Executive Committee.

In fulfilling his duties, together with colleagues on the Executive Committee of Geoscientists Canada, Dr. Finn will be focusing his attention on the strategic objectives for the organization as set by the Board of Directors of Geoscientists Canada in its 2010-2015 Strategic Plan.

The Geoscience profession, which is made up of many specialized practice disciplines, currently comprises over 11,000 licensed professionals and Geoscientists-in-Training across Canada.

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

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