

PGO's Conference Planning Committee Acknowledges All Symposium Participants

On behalf of Professional Geoscientists Ontario and its Conference Planning Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge everyone who made PGO's inaugural virtual symposium a success.

The virtual format of the symposium ensured that this great learning event was accessible and affordable to many P.Geo.'s in Ontario and beyond.

The comments and feedback that we received through the live webcast chats and post-event surveys indicated that the event received high marks for its content and format. We also noted areas of improvements and will incorporate lessons learned in the planning for the next annual event.

During the symposium we took measures to address as many questions and comments as we could for each session, but similar to in-person events could not answer them all at the time. We do not plan to issue further Q&A at this time, but we will be looking for common theme(s) to inform future learning events hosted by PGO. Also, speakers generously provided their contact information on their slides so participants should feel free to follow up with them directly for key questions that were not answered in the time we had during the symposium.

All four sessions have been recorded and the recordings have been made available to registered participants up to 60 days after the event. Links to the recordings were emailed to them. Anyone else who did not register for the symposium but would like to access the recording can do so by registering [online](#).

We were fortunate to secure an excellent line-up of professionals who are experts in their respective fields and who provided rich, diverse and engaging contents. We thank all our speakers (listed below) who volunteered to enlighten, inspire, and enrich us, offering the wealth of their experience and stories for us to digest. We encourage you to follow their work in the fields that interest you.

2020 PGO Virtual Symposium Speakers

Session A - Emerging Trends and Impacts in an Evolving Regulatory Landscape

Douglas Cater, President, D.F. Cater Geological Consultant Ltd.
Mike Jones, President and Senior Hydrogeologist, Azimuth Environmental
Aftab Khan, Registrar, Professional Geoscientists Ontario
Bridget Gilbride, Environmental, Indigenous and Energy Law, Fasken, Vancouver
Chuck Birchall, Partner, Willms & Shier
Rich Butler, Partner, Willms & Shier
Terry Eldridge, P.Eng., Senior Mine Waste Consultant, Golder Associates

Session B - Geo-ethics and Sustainability

Giuseppe Di Capua, International Association for Promoting Geoethics
Simon Gautrey, P.Geo., Wood
Mark Priddle, Senior Consultant, McIntosh Perry
Kerrie Blaise, Northern Services Counsel, Canadian Environmental Law Association

Session C - Collaborative Work Environment

Shastri Ramnath, President and CEO, Exiro Minerals Corp.
Kari Lentowicz, BSc, M.A. Disaster and Emergency Management, EP, PMP
Natasha Danson, Partner, Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc

Session D - Staying Fully Stocked: Trends in Professional Practice

Karan Jandoo, Policy Advisor, Land Use Policy Section, Environmental Policy Branch, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
Brigid Burke, Senior Contaminant Hydrogeologist, Technical Assessment and Standards Development Branch, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
Reno Pressacco, Principal Geologist, SLR Consulting
Lawrence Devon Smith, P.Eng., LDS Consulting
Dr. Gargi Mishra, Senior Principal Digital Mine, Hatch Ltd

We hope that through these sessions, you were provided with some additional vision to guide you through the shifting paradigm of professional geoscience.



2020 Virtual Symposium

June 30, July 7, July 14 and July 21, 2020

Exploring the Convergence of Professional Geoscience, Public Policy, Regulatory Requirements, Standards and Protection of the Public

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We gratefully acknowledge our event sponsors, whose support made it possible for us to provide an affordable online learning event spread out over four weekly sessions.

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We thank our session co-chairs for their leadership in the development of each session, for ensuring an engaging webcast, for sticking close to our schedule and for facilitating lively Q & As.

Session A Chairs: Tony Andrews, CEO, Professional Geoscientists Ontario
Ian Macdonald, Senior Hydrogeologist, BluMetric Environmental Inc.

Session B Chairs: Yours truly, Paul Hubley, Principal and Senior Geoscientist, Hubley Geosciences Limited
Mark Priddle, Senior Consultant, McIntosh Perry

Session C Chairs: Nicole Januszczak, Senior Exploration Manager, De Beers Group and
Imran Khan, Senior Geomorphologist, Beacon Environmental Limited

Session D Chairs: Mary-Anne Hildebrandt, P.Geo, Resource Geologist at De Beers Group
James Whyte, P.Geo., Senior Geologist, Ontario Securities Commission

We thank our peer regulators, all organizations and individuals who helped us spread the word.

We thank all symposium registrants from Ontario, across Canada and beyond who enthusiastically showed up online to learn along with their peers. Thank you for your participation, thoughtful feedback and warm words of appreciation. If you missed a session and wish to access the recording, please send an email to PGO at info@pgo.ca.

The PGO relies upon a small but efficient staff in Toronto that punches above their weight class in the excellent work they do, and we are fortunate these days to have staff that are enthusiastic, dedicated and professional. Thank you!

Lastly, I thank my colleagues who generously volunteered their time to work collaboratively with PGO staff in the planning and implementation of this virtual symposium. Your contribution is highly valued and deeply appreciated.

On behalf of the Conference Planning Committee, we wish you a good summer and hope to hear from you soon.

Paul Hubley, P.Geo.

Chair, PGO Conference Planning Committee

Members: Mark Priddle, Nicole Januszczak, Imran Khan, Mary-Anne Hildebrandt, Andrea Waldie, James Whyte, Craig Waldie, Robert Hearst, Roger Phillips, Tony Andrews and Marilen Miguel

In Memory of Jan Boon, Co-Coordinator of Canada Section of International Association for Promoting Geoethics, celebrated geoscientist and colleague, who will be greatly missed.