

MEETINGS

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS24th International Geological Congress, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August - September, 1972.

Almost 2,000 geoscientists representing a total of 71 overseas countries have already registered for the International Geological Congress to be held in Montreal next August, according to Dr. John E. Armstrong, IGC Secretary-General. At least 7,000 participants are expected from over 100 countries.

Dr. Armstrong urges those planning to attend the '72 Congress to send in their registration forms, accompanied by the required fees, as quickly as possible. In fact, early registration is "a must" for anyone hoping to join some of the geological field excursions. "We are offering a choice of tours involving every physiographic region of the country and even extending into the high Arctic. And most of the arrangements, particularly for chartered air travel, must be made well in advance."

(Detailed, illustrated guide books describing the geology of the region are in production and will be mailed beforehand to tour participants. They will also be on sale during and after the Congress).

Dr. Armstrong added that the '72 Congress is being organized according to theme (e.g. Precambrian geology, tectonics, stratigraphy and sedimentology, engineering geology ... over 17 sessions in all) with additional symposia on geology and the quality of life, education and aid to developing countries. The quality of papers received so far has been high.

"One of the main advantages of a gathering of this kind," Dr. Armstrong said "is the opportunity it affords to meet and talk to people from one's own profession and from allied fields." In addition to IGC participants, some 60 allied scientific organizations will hold business and/or technical meetings.

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REPORTS ON RECENT MEETINGSA Symposium on Environmental Change in the Maritimes, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, held on 22-23 October, 1971.

This meeting was sponsored by the Associate Committee on Quaternary Research, National Research Council of Canada. The program was as follows:

- Friday a.m. - Environmental Changes Independent of Man
 - a) Vegetational and Climatic Changes During the last 5000 years by J. Terasmae, Brock University
 - b) Sea level changes during the last 5000 years by D. Grant, Geol. Survey, Canada
 - c) Postglacial history of Nova Scotia by J. Railton, Acadia University
 - d) Postglacial history and environmental changes in Cape Breton by R.J. Mott, Geol. Survey, Canada
 - e) Zoogeography of late Pleistocene molluscs in the Maritimes by A.H. Clarke, National Museum
- Luncheon - The Impact of Man on Environmental Systems by K.H. Mann, Bedford Institute
- Friday p.m. - Environmental Changes and Man's Influence
 - a) Postglacial changes in distribution of Littoral Marine invertebrates in the Canadian Atlantic Region by C.L. Bousfield, Université Laval
 - b) Cultural biogeography of short cores from three Halifax area lakes by H. Yezdani, Dalhousie University
 - c) Late Quaternary history of some Maritime insects by H.F. Howden, Carleton University
 - d) Environment and Subsistence in the Archaeology of the Maritimes by D.S. Byers, Andover, Mass.
 - e) Isotopic geochemistry and environmental change by J.G. Ogden, III, Dalhousie University
- Saturday a.m. Field trip
 - a) Halifax Drumlin field (Drumlins, corg and tail, or dissected ice front?)
 - b) Stratigraphy of a sea level bog
 - c) Drowned forest