ENROLMENTS

TOTAL ENROLMENTS FOR 2001 ARE:

- BSc (Geophysics) Undergraduates & Honours: 33 + 17
- Grad Diploma: 0
- Postgraduate Diploma: 0
- MSc (Geophysics) - Coursework: 2
- MSc (Geophysics) - Research: 1
- MSc (Geoscience Exploration) - Coursework: 1
- PhD: 17

2001 GRADUATES WERE:

Master of Science (by Research)
- Christopher H. Walton

Master of Science Geoscience Exploration (by Coursework)
- Christophe Salti

Master of Mineral Exploration Technologies (by Coursework)
- Stephen Busuttil
- Ian R. Garsed

BSc (Geophysics) Honours
- Bronwyn M. Calleja
- Tristan W. Campbell
- Richard A. Frew
- Robert J. Galvin
- Martin T. Kim

BSc (Geophysics)
- Triagee S. Allen
- Tristan C. Allen
- Kimberly R. Bone
- Barrett M. Cameron
- Jamie W. Connell
- Grant A. Coopes
- Reece E. Foster
- Karen M. Gilgallon

Bachelor of Science - Multidisciplinary Science (majoring in Geophysics)
- Justin Vermeulen

MID-YEAR 2001

BSc (Geophysics) Honours
- John C. Sheppard II
- Elvyn T. Wise

ALUMNI

Many of you may have already received the questionnaire regarding the New Geophysics Alumni. Thank you to those who have returned their questionnaire. Any contributions that you may have for the Alumni Newsletter would be most appreciated, and please do not feel reserved about presenting any ideas that you may have for social functions. If you have not yet received a questionnaire, or wish to put forward some ideas do not hesitate in contacting Margarita Norvill, the Geophysics Alumni coordinator by email at mnorvill@geophy.curtin.edu.au.

PRIZES/SCHOLARSHIPS

The following Scholarships have been awarded this year:

- Alex Shepherd: IPRS Scholarship
- Margarita Norvill: APA Industry Scholarship/CRC-LEME PhD Top-up Scholarship (3 years)
- Don Hunter: APA Industry Scholarship/CRC-LEME PhD Top-up Scholarship (3 years)
- Robert Galvin: Woodside Research Foundation PhD Scholarship (3 years) – $20K/yr
- Jason McKenna: APPEA K A Richards Memorial Scholarship
- Gemma King: CRC-LEME Honours Scholarship (1 year)
- Reece Foster: CRC-LEME Honours Scholarship (1 year)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS


Jayson Meyers has been appointed Associate Professor in Mineral Geophysics. We welcome Jayson to the Department and look forward to a long association with him. Jayson’s field is mineral geophysics, supported by a strong geological background. He has taught geology and geophysics at university level and has worked with a diversity of private and government project teams.

His new position is funded by the State Government Centre of Excellence for Exploration Mining and Production Geophysics. His geophysical expertise will not only contribute directly to the Department's research programs, but his extensive network of industry links will help to create an industry funded consortium on behalf of the Department and new opportunities on behalf of all CRC LEME Programs.

LAUNCH OF GEOPHYSICS PLANE

During 2000, Norm, John and Brian from Exploration Geophysics, Raj and Robert from Petroleum Engineering, along with Kevin, Tony, and Xiuming amongst others of CSIRO Petroleum, attended a workshop which was formulated to develop cooperation and synergy between Curtin and CSIRO personnel. Adrian Williams of CSIRO and Paul Rossiter of Curtin coordinated the events.

Challenges were presented. An enduring example was the construction of two model aeroplanes which were built as the common tasks undertaken by two teams, and both aeroplanes were flown. This was instrumental in demonstrating that working together could produce results, and was symbolic of what close cooperation could achieve.

One of the model aeroplanes is now hanging in the space between the second and third floors in the CSIRO section of the building, while the other is displayed in the Curtin Geophysics area.

Believe it or not, they both flew at least one controlled lap! Both planes are dedicated to an enduring cooperation between CSIRO and Curtin.

APCRC WORKSHOP

The annual APCRC Workshop was, for the second time, held on the West Coast, this time in Mandurah some 100 km south of Perth. Presentations were made as to the future developments in the directions of CO2 sequestration. If funded, this new CRC will involve many current Exploration Geophysics personnel. The current APCRC Projects were also reviewed. The Workshop was attended by most of the Curtin personnel involved in petroleum research.

CRGC SPONSORS’ MEETING

The 2001 Annual General Meeting of the CRGC was held at the Rottnest Island Authority's Country Club. Rottnest is an island some 16 km off the coast of WA and the aim was to sequester the audience from the charms of the big city. All the sponsors were represented and following the meeting they were left to review the current CRGC research program. The general view is that the program is on track and that there are some 'gems' to be found. At the meeting Dr Matt Lamont of BHP Billiton was elected Chairman of the CRGC Steering Committee, and Matt will be the principle contact for Curtin researchers.

CRGC MEETING - HOUSTON

An Extraordinary Annual General meeting of the CRGC was held in Houston on 24 January 2002. Alfonso Gonzalez of WesternGeco graciously arranged for us to use the WesternGeco auditorium for the meeting. There were 23 attendees including representatives from eight companies that are currently non-sponsors of CRGC. Although a costly exercise the purpose of the meeting was to showcase CRGC research expertise in the capital city of the oil industry. We feel that this meeting succeeded in its aim.

HAYDN WILLIAMS FELLOW

Bill French completed a very successful prolonged visit to the Department on 28 February. Bill was here as the Haydn Williams Fellow, Curtin's most prestigious visiting fellowship. His Fellowship lecture on the development of 3D seismic technology was very well received and tabbed by PESA for national exposure. Presentations in Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra and Perth drew large audiences. Bill also worked closely with graduate students not only in Geophysics but also in Business.

Morning Tea at the Country Club

Enjoying Dinner at the Lodge on Thursday evening