

APPLIED GEOGRAPHY SHOWCASE INVITES INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

The Applied Geography Showcase was launched in 2009 to give more recognition to client-driven activities, explains Dr. Barry Wellar, Program Chairman, Geography Awareness Week, Canadian Association of Geographers.

“There are a number of geographers in universities and colleges who do contract, consulting, and other kinds of work for governments, businesses, non-government organizations, and other entities. In addition, many geographers are employed by these organizations. The Applied Geography Showcase recognizes the important contributions these individuals make to society and to geography”.

Beginning this year, the Applied Geography Showcase is ready to include international perspectives. This step will broaden the scope of applied geography materials that are accessible through the CAG website, and will promote the network of geographers engaged in client-driven research and related activities.

“A significant number of geographers participate in client-driven activities, but often they do not publish their work in academic journals. Thanks to the Internet, the *Applied Geography Showcase Sampler* makes their materials widely accessible to geography faculty and students, researchers in other fields, potential clients, and the general public at minimal cost”, says Dr. Wellar.

Details about how to contribute to this information base can be viewed at:

http://www.cag-acg.ca/files/pdf/GAW/Applied_Geography_Showcase.pdf

According to Dr. Wellar, the *Applied Geography Showcase Sampler* is designed to make it easy for all participants to share information about their client-driven materials.

“The first step is to check out the brief *Sampler* description for background information, and then send me a cover page, just one page, that includes the link to the website that posted the item. Material’s that are already listed serve as guides. To make a *Sampler* contribution from anywhere with an Internet connection, just click on the link above for all the details:”

For more information about Geography Awareness Week or the *Applied Geography Showcase Sampler*, please contact Dr. Barry Wellar by email at: wellarb@uottawa.ca.