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Nova Scotia Geoscientist, Dr. Christopher E White, P.Geo., receives the 2019 Excellence in Geoscience Award.

Geoscientists Nova Scotia is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2019 Excellence in Geoscience Award – Christopher E White, Ph.D, P.Geo. of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The award was established to honour an eminent and exemplary member of Geoscientists Nova Scotia (the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Nova Scotia) who is also a valuable contributing member of the Nova Scotia, Canadian and/or global geoscience community. Nominations for this award are considered annually, although the award is not necessarily presented each year. It is awarded to a Professional Geoscientist to recognize outstanding contributions to the development and practice of professional geoscience, who advances public recognition of the practice of professional geoscience in Nova Scotia and does so with the high levels of dedication and integrity.

To be eligible for the award, a nominee must meet a number of specific criteria, which include the following major categories:

- Excellence in Geoscience: Outstanding technical accomplishments; exploration/development successes; building the workplace (corporate or academic);
- Building the Geoscience Profession: Commitment to APGNS and the profession; representation provincially, nationally and/or internationally, assisting in the development of Standards/Professional Practice Codes/Guidelines; Professional Geoscience Education/Promotion; and
- Service to the Community: Outstanding contributions to the well-being of the community.

This year's recipient, Dr. Chris White, is the Senior Provincial Geologist with the Nova Scotia Department of Energy and Mines, Geological Surveys Branch. He received his BSc Honours (Geology) from Acadia University (1984) and his Ph.D (Earth Sciences) from Dalhousie University (1996).

He has been registered by APGNS as a Professional Geoscientist (P.Geo.) since 2001. He was previously recognized by the Atlantic Geoscience Society with the **Distinguished Scientist Award – Gesner Medal** in 2013 and the **Laing Ferguson - Distinguished Service Award** in 2014. He received the **Canadian Provincial and Territorial Geologists Medal (Sudbury-Ontario)** in 2014. He has published extensively including maps, open file reports, abstracts and peer reviewed scientific papers;

- 355 authored and co-authored abstracts in local, regional and international journals, including many with mentored students; (he has mentored a total of 34 summer students since 1998)
- 119 open file reports from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and related field guides and illustrations;
- 90 authored and co-authored bedrock maps of Nova Scotia at various scales;
- 90 authored and co-authored bedrock maps of southern New Brunswick at various scales; and
- 98 peer reviewed authored and co-authored papers local, regional and international journals.

Dr. White has peer reviewed several scientific manuscripts and bedrock/surficial maps for provincial and federal government agencies (Canada and United States), in addition to regional, national, and international journals including:

- NS Department of Natural Resources Review of Activities Reports, and Open File Geological Maps and Reports;
- NB Department of Natural Resources Current Research Reports, and Open File Geological Maps;
- Geological Survey of Canada Open File and A-based Geological Maps;
- Atlantic Geology;
- The Canadian Journal of Earth Sciences;
- The Canadian Mineralogist;
- Journal of Structural Geology;
- C.R. Academy Science of Paris;
- Geological Society of America, Special Paper;
- American Journal of Science; and
- Tectonophysics

In addition to being an active mentor for summer students and junior geoscientists, he also continues to be active with the Atlantic Geoscience Society, the Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences as well as serving as a Research Associate for the Nova Scotia Museum, adjunct at the Department of Earth Sciences, Acadia University, and honorary Research Associate at Dalhousie University and others.

Announcing the award, the President of Geoscientists Nova Scotia, Gavin Isenor, P.Geo. commented: *“We are delighted that Dr. White is being recognized as this year’s recipient. Throughout his career he has demonstrated excellence in geoscience and dedication to the Nova Scotia community. He has earned the respect of his peers, as evident in the many accolades he has received throughout his career and he is what the **Excellence in Geoscience Award** represents.”*

The Award would normally be presented at the Annual General Meeting of APGNS Members. However, as per the Nova Scotia government state of emergency and COVID-19 response requirements, the AGM has been postponed until an award ceremony can be scheduled.

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