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## APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF GEOSCIENCEINFO.COM WEBSITE & RELEASE OF 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

**May 29, 2017, Toronto, Ontario: The APGO Education Foundation** ("the Foundation") is pleased to announce that <u>GeoscienceInfo.com</u>, a new, exciting, interactive source of geoscience information to promote a greater public understanding of geoscience, will be launched on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario annual general meeting. In addition, the Foundation is pleased to announce the release of its 2016 Annual Report which is available online at <u>apgoedfoundation.ca</u>.

GeoscienceInfo.com is soon to become the one-stop spot for the public for information about the Earth beneath their feet. This new website will provide interesting information on all facets of geoscience. A particularly exciting feature of Geoscienceinfo.com is virtual field-trips in different areas in Ontario. This enables viewers to experience and learn about the geology of an area while traversing digitally in GoogleEarthTM. Information on the latest discoveries and news in the world of geoscience will also be featured on the website. Geoscience information will be updated at least twice a week and will also be available on the Foundation's social media networks. New and interactive resources will be added to the website as time and funding permit.

. 2016 was an exciting year for the Foundation. Highlights of the year include:

- 3 \$5000 SCHOLARSHIPS awarded to outstanding geoscience students
- 2 \$5000 BURSARIES awarded to internationally-trained geoscientists on track to becoming P.Geo.s
- 1 GRANT of \$4300 supplied for an attention-grabbing, high-tech geopark in Almonte, Ontario
- 1 GRANT of \$5300 for an Augmented Reality Sandbox at Miller Museum of Geology, Queen's University
- **FULLY FUNDED** new public GeoscienceInfo website!

Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Geo., FGC commented: "2016 was our first operational year and much was accomplished. We are most grateful to our donors who have strongly supported our vision to bring geoscience information to the public in an innovative manner through our new website GeoscienceInfo.com and by supporting innovative projects utilizing technology with our partners. Equally important is the launch of our scholarship and bursary programs which supports individuals who will become future geoscience professionals."

## **APGO's Annual General Meeting and Reception**

June 8, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. Twenty Toronto Street, 2nd Floor, Toronto Click here for online registration.

## ABOUT THE APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The APGO Education Foundation is a registered charitable organization under the Canada Notfor-profit Corporations Act, registration number 84604 5052 RR0001. The purpose of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the area of geoscience by 1) providing scholarships to post-secondary students for the study of geoscience in a degree program; 2) providing bursaries to immigrants to Canada who are internationally-trained geoscientists and have demonstrated financial need for completion of licensure procedures for registration as a professional geoscientist in Ontario; and 3) holding lectures, presentations and conferences on geoscience to enhance the knowledge of the general public.

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