



APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT DOCUMENTS YEAR OF ACHIEVEMENT IN 2021

November 1, 2022, Toronto, Ontario: The APGO Education Foundation (“The Foundation or APGOEF”) is pleased to announce the release of its annual report for 2021 which is available on our website at [2021 Annual Report](#). Despite the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation was able to achieve solid progress in a number of areas. Highlights are as follows:

- Record donations of \$343,053 including the establishment of an endowment fund by Dr. Bill Pearson
- Major upgrades completed on GeoscienceINFO.com with virtual field trips (VFTs) and Geotrails moved to ESRI ArcGIS™ and StoryMaps™
- GeoscienceINFO website moved to WordPress™ platform providing greater functionality
- Released Geovideo on the detailed geological and environmental history of the Niagara Escarpment
- Carried out teachers’ workshop at the Annual GAC-MAC Meeting in London, Ontario
- Launched major StoryMap of Arkona highlighting a key fossil area in southern Ontario
- Completed initial work on prototypes for Geotrails along the Bruce Trail in the Hamilton-Niagara Region
- Developed a new blog: Beneath Your Feet: A Geoscience Blog which was launched on January 11, 2022
- Provided a grant of \$3,200 to the Arkona Lions Museum and Information Centre to purchase a microscope and LED TV to display microfossils.

Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Geo., Chair commented: “2021 was another year of solid achievements despite the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The major upgrades to our web platform for GeoscienceINFO.com and moving all our Virtual Field Trips and Geotrails to ESRI ArcGIS™ and StoryMaps™ has given us a very strong base to build on going forward. The limited field work we were able to do allowed us to develop prototypes for our first Geotrails on the Bruce Trail which we will build and expand on in 2022.” Dr. Pearson continued:

“Many thanks to our generous donors and to our dedicated team - Dr. Deana Schwarz, P.Geo., Manager GeoscienceINFO.com, Bernard Kradjian, Communications Manager and Andrea Waldie, P.Geo., Business Manager, for their excellent work over the past year. Our new Business Manager, Monique Gaudet has built on this strong base, and we are pleased to welcome Veronica Klassen who launched our new blog – Beneath Your Feet: A Geoscience Blog on January 11,

2022. I am excited for the future as we expand our on-line learning programs to continue to educate the public about the many important aspects of geoscience.”

ABOUT THE APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The APGO Education Foundation (“APGOEF”) is a registered charitable organization under the Canada Not-for-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:

- Holding lectures, presentations, and conferences on geoscience both in person and virtually to introduce geoscience to high school and university students as well as enhance the knowledge of the general public.
- Providing scholarships to post-secondary students for the study of geoscience in the final year of a Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree program.
- Providing bursaries to immigrants to Canada who are internationally trained geoscientists and have demonstrated financial need for completion of licensure procedures for registration as professional geoscientists (P.Geol.'s) in Ontario.

APGOEF provides funding to support innovative geoscience education projects working with university geoscience departments, community groups and not-for-profit organizations across Ontario. Please see our website at www.apgoedfoundation.ca

GeoscienceINFO.com an innovative one-stop spot for the public for information about the earth beneath their feet. This new website provides interesting information on all facets of geoscience. A particularly exciting feature of GeoscienceINFO.com is the highlighting of virtual fieldtrips in different areas in Ontario. This enables viewers to experience and learn about the geology of an area while traversing it digitally in ESRI ArcGIS Online™ and StoryMaps™. Information on the latest discoveries and news in the world of geoscience is featured on the website, on our blog [Beneath Your Feet: A Geoscience Blog](#), as well as on our social media.

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