

Welcome from the President of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society

On behalf of the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (CMOS), I welcome you to our 51th Congress in Toronto, Canada. CMOS has a long and distinguished history of advancing meteorology and oceanography in Canada. Our scientific congresses attract attendees from academia, government and the private sector from across Canada and around the world. Welcome back and welcome aboard.

We are looking at enhancing the Congress this year with a downloadable App to promote communication and ease of access to Congress information. This will allow Congress participants to be active with their programs and activities. With the help of the App, I also encourage all delegates to make good use of their time this week, and take advantage of all the great science and social programs that have been established by the congress organizers.

This year to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of CMOS, student membership to CMOS was opened up as a FREE membership. Already we have seen student membership double since this has come into effect last year. I believe this is strategically important for the sustainability of our Society. Welcome and thank you Canadian Students!! To those who are not currently members, we urge you to become members of YOUR society and strengthen it by participating in its activities during and after the Congress.

I am making a strong pitch to all members to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday evening, where plans for the upcoming year and society issues will be discussed, including a discussion on the newly drafted Strategic Plan for CMOS and its future.

I cannot express my pride of the CMOS organisation. This national organization is largely run by volunteers, with truly amazing dedication and commitment. From the 14 centres across Canada to the national Executive in Ottawa who keep the boat afloat every year to ensure growth, sustainability and a prosperous future. I have been interfacing with the Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, Ron Bianchi and the Chair of the Science Program Committee, Dr. Peter Taylor, whom over the past 18 months have encountered numerous obstacles in the preparation and execution of this Congress, supported by many hours of work by local volunteers. We are off to the races and this congress promises to be one of the most successful as a result of the hard work of all the volunteers. This event would not be possible without them. Bravo Zulu to all.

Thank you for your ongoing support of CMOS. I wish you a productive and enjoyable congress!

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