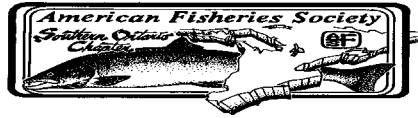


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's had to believe, but over 4 months have passed since our Annual General Meeting up in Dorset. By all accounts I know I am safe in saying that this year's meeting was a success! Those who were able to join us for the weekend were treated to a series of topics focused around this year's theme of *Water Quality and Quantity - Ontario's Evaporating Resource*. This year's presenters included several high caliber speakers from many different ministries and agencies including representatives from MNR, the National Water Research Institute, MOE, the Greater Toronto Airport Authority, the City of Toronto, Credit Valley Conservation, Gartner Lee Limited and the ROM. It was great to see the wide range of participation both of the speakers and delegates. And, who could forget the Saturday evening entertainment provided by

the FISH HEADS (and occasionally others). Back by popular demand, the FISH HEADS provided lively and very entertaining music until the wee hours of the morning. I formally extend a thank you to all those who participated in making this year's AGM a success including the Executive Committee, the staff at the L.M. Frost Center and all those who took the time on your weekend to attend.

Since the AGM, the members of your Executive Committee (Excomm) have met several times and have been busy charting the course for next year. Accomplishments to date include the formation of two committees - a Professional Liaison Committee and an Education Committee - both of which are set to go into full swing in September as our new business year begins. Your SOC once again this year assisted with the MNR

Stream Assessment Protocol Course by managing the registration and fees for the course. And, speaking of courses, we will be hosting a 3 day course on Predictive Terrain Modeling this coming October, presented by John Gartner. John presented a brief overview of the course at the AGM and has agreed to hold a course for AFS - SOC members. Be sure to refer to the notice below for more details. Other events and activities include an evening workshop or presentation in November (details to follow) and an AFS/SOC membership drive for this next year. On that note, if for some reason you have failed to renew your dues for 2001, please take a moment and register or renew. AFS registration forms are available on-line at www.fisheries.org. I look forward to attending to this fall's agenda and hope you are all having a safe and enjoyable summer.

Michael Roy, SOC President

Preliminary Announcement - AFS SOC Sponsored Course Ecosystems and Air Photo Interpretation Terrain Models

Your AFS SOC executive is considering the sponsorship of the above-mentioned course. The Air Photo Interpretation Terrain Model has been developed over many years by John F. Gartner., P.Eng. The technique combines an integration of geology, biology, water resources and geotechnics to form a functional assessment approach to the solution of environmental problems. Components of the course will include landform identification from air photos and other imagery, techniques for analyzing terrain, environmental functions of landforms and the engineering and ecosystem significance of landforms. The length of the course and associated costs will be dependent on the level of interest generated by this initial notice. At this point we envision a 3 day course, held in Markham, Ontario with an overall cost not to exceed \$1000. This methodology is being taught as an accredited course at the University of Waterloo. It will be of interest to consultants, policy makers, site assessors, planners, engineers and technologists. For more details regarding the course, please see the attached description.

If this course might be of interest to you it is imperative that you advise us by contacting Dave Green at:
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