

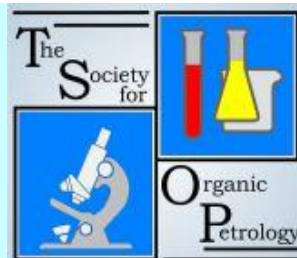


# TSOP Halifax 2011

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The Society for Organic Petrology (TSOP) in partnership with  
Canadian Society for Coal Science and Organic Petrology (CSCOP)



### Thank You!

First of all, we extend a sincere thanks to all who registered and participated in TSOP Halifax 2011 and for making it a very successful conference. Special thanks to all the oral and poster presenters who provided the content for the incredible technical sessions. Our meeting started with the very informative Shale Gas short course. Thanks to the registrants and spectacular presenters: Dan Jarvie, Bjorn Wygrala and Thomas Hanschel. The short course notes will be a treasured resource for those who attended. Thanks to Nelly Koziel for leading the registration task and making it look easy. Thanks also to registration helpers: Cathy and Michelle Avery.

Next, thanks to all of you who joined us for the relaxing, entertaining time at our Icebreaker. Special thanks to the intriguing Highland dancers for their demonstration of this unique part of our Nova Scotia heritage. Thanks to Jillian MacLeod, Elizabeth MacKay and Katie MacDonald for all their work and effort, and to narrator Leanne MacLeod and logistics supporter Dawn MacDonald. On Tuesday evening we capped off the very successful technical sessions with the lobster banquet. The mood was set by the captivating piano of Brian Cardott who composed most of the selections for his family. Next the spectacular musical talents of Michael Kruge entertaining with jazz/blues pieces on his electric mandolin brought us right up to serving time. After a fabulous feast we were treated to banquet speaker Richard Hoover of NASA who carried us off in contemplation of 'Life in the Cosmos'.

We wish everyone could have joined us for the field trip because it was a very satisfying wrap-up to the 'Shale Gas' theme of the technical sessions. Along with the many shale gas/oil stops we also spent some special time absorbed in the World Heritage Joggins Fossil Cliffs. We extend our gratitude to all the field trip participants who enthusiastically followed us around for two days through two provinces and contributed so much of their insight at many outcrops. In particular, we are most appreciative of John Calder, Steve Hinds, Dave Keighley and Matt Stimson's outstanding leadership for the various stops and special visits. Corridor Resources are thanked for their fascinating tour of their McCully gas production facility in Sussex, NB and Contact Exploration for their access to the Stoney Creek oilfield.

Thanks to the spouses, partners, and guests who trusted us enough to venture on a day tour to Peggy's Cove, Mahone Bay and Lunenburg. Reviews of the trip were very positive.

Many of the amenities that we enjoyed at the meeting were made possible by the sponsors who lent their financial and in kind support for the TSOP Halifax 2011 meeting. These organizations were the backbone of what we could offer our registrants to make their time with us enjoyable and a great learning experience. We extend our sincere thanks to our gold sponsors, Core Lab, Sproule, Southwestern Energy and Schlumberger who led the sponsorships, with significant contributions from CCS Nova Scotia, St. Brendon's Exploration, Canadian Society for Coal Science and Organic Petrology, Eastrock Resources, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, Corridor Resources and Pearson Coal Petrography. In kind support was provided by Global Geoenergy Research Ltd, Geological Survey of Canada, Nova Scotia Department of Energy, US Geological Survey and the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board. We make special mention here of the efforts by planning committee member Paul Harvey for his remarkable success in the sponsorship campaign.

Please accept these few words from the planning committee members as an indication of our appreciation of your participation and support of the success of TSOP Halifax 2011.

Sincerely,

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