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Summary of 2005-2006 activities

Participation in conferences : The Student Chapter participated in the 8th “Journée des Sciences de la Terre et de l’environnement” held at Laval University on March 16th, 2007. Merouane Rachidi and Jean-Philippe Paiement, two members of the SEG chapter, presented their work. The chapter also offered a prize for the best presentation. The winner was Anne-Marie Leblanc, from Laval University, with her talk about the Three-dimensional geothermic modeling of permafrost sensitive to the climatic changes: example of the valley of Salluit, Nunavik, Quebec. We also participated in GAC-MAC conference in Yellowknife in late May 2007 with a conference given by Martin Aucoin. A short course has also been prepared by a special committee and took place at the “Québec Exploration 2006” congress, in late November at the Chateau Frontenac. The subject of the course was orogenic Gold deposits and it was given by Dr. Richard Goldfarb. This activity helped raise funds to subsidize the annual field trip of the chapter.

Field trips : In early May 2007, fourteen members of the University Laval-INRS SEG student chapter went to Morocco to discover some of the mineral resources of the High Atlas, the Middle Atlas and the Anti Atlas. The group visited different mining districts like the Djebel Aouam, near Azrou, where the students visited two mines: the Tighza mine, owned by the Compagnie Minière

de Touissit, where economic concentrations of Ag-Pb-Zn are exploited and the El Hammam mine, owned by Samine, where fluorine is exploited. Later the group visited the Bou Azzer mine near Ouarzazate, a Co-Ni-Au-Ag mine owned by the Compagnie Tifnout-Tiranimine (CTT), and the Guemassa mine near Marrakech, a Zn-Pb-Cu mine owned by Managem. We would like to thank our contacts in Morocco: Fouad Filali¹ of Samine and Mustapha Souhassou² of CTT, .A student from Laval University, Jean-Philippe Paiement, also went to the 2007 edition of the SEG foundation student-dedicated field trip in Chile.

Fundraising

The Université Laval-INRS-ETE Student Chapter had great support from different companies and institutions in 2006-2007, including the Society of Economic Geologists, Quinto, Virginia, the geology and geological engineering department of Laval University, and the following Laval University associations: CADEUL, AESGUL and AEGGGUL. We also held a few fundraising activities like organizing a special night in a bar, the Turf Pub, selling baked goods, and organizing other social events. The course given by Mr. Goldfarb also helped to raise funds.

Planning for 2007-2008

We are confident that the Student Chapter will continue to be dynamic and offer a great range of exiting activities to its members during the year 2007-2008. A short course has already been prepared by a special committee and will take place at the “Québec Exploration 2007” congress, in late November. This activity will help raise funds to subsidize activities such as conferences, meetings, and field trips. We already have shown interest in two regional trip projects in spring 2008: one at Thetford Mines, where we can find minerals like chrysotile and chromite, and one at the Niobec Mine, owned by I Am Gold. We also plan an international trip, which will probably be held in May, but the destination isn't chosen yet. For the 7th time, we will participate in “La Journée des Sciences de la Terre”, at Laval University in spring 2008. We will offer a prize to the best presentation and maybe organize a special session on economic geology.

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