

David Gordon MacDougall

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Thankfully, David is an extremely organized person, which made writing this Bio a breeze, since he organized and saved all his files on our internal network. Amongst these neatly organized files, I was able to find such treasures as a “Curriculum_vitae.doc”, a “DetailedResume.doc”, and a “Survey_Career.doc”. So this little write-up is based on those sources, as well as on having known him for 17 years.

David was born on April 24th 1948, right here in Regina. He is married to Alice and they have two children (Elizabeth and John), who are now grown up and live in Regina and Ireland. When he was just a little boy, his parents took him back to England, and that’s where David did all his schooling. Between 1959 and 1966, he completed his post-secondary education at a technical school in Essex. From 1966 to 1970 he attended the University of Wales in Cardiff, where he completed his B.Sc. Honours Degree and his thesis was entitled: "The Geology of a Small Area near Mont Laurier, Quebec.

His early career saw him working as a field geologist for Johns-Manville, doing projects on uranium in the Grenville, Cu-Mo-W exploration on the Galway Granite, as well as a little bit of work on base metals and Pt-group metals. Between 1975 and 1981, he was a contract geologist for a variety of companies and completed projects on asbestos potential of ophiolites in Ireland and the Sudan, and also worked on uranium and base metal projects within the Caledonoid granites and surrounding metasedimentary rocks in Ireland.

In 1981, David’s circle completed and he moved back to Regina where he accepted a position as a Temporary Geologist with the Geological Survey of Saskatchewan Mineral Resources, working initially with Chris Gilboy on sub-Athabasca Basin core. Because of the uranium exploration boom in the 1970's and early 1980's there was a backlog of company assessment reports and Dave was transferred in 1981 to a permanent position with the Mines Branch of Saskatchewan Mineral Resources, to help clear the backlog. In 1983 his role within government changed and he was involved with compiling the 1:250,000 scale metallogenic map series of the Shield area. In the same year he took on the responsibility of organizing the Geological Survey Annual Open House and he was involved with that, off and on, until the late 90s. At about the same time (in the early 80s) he was also handed the file on general education and information duties for the department. And as a result of that, in 1985, Dave took on the responsibility of teaching the resurrected Prospectors’ School in La Ronge.

I am not exactly sure when it started, but Dave was also heavily involved in organizing the social events within the department. His thoughtfully created decorations for the Happy Hours will be familiar to many of you. His social involvement with the geological community continues to this day in the form of SGS golf BBQ’s that Dave and Alice host at their house. Sadly, though, the Happy Hours within the Department of Energy and Mines –slash- Industry and Resources –slash- Ministry of Energy and Resources have fallen into disrespect.

Dave’s role within the department changed again in 1987, when he began to undertake annual four to five-week field projects in the north. These projects all involved a jam-packed Beaver, one assistant, open-fire cooking, and a tarp for a kitchen tent. But they also produced excellent results, which Dave presented in the form of **carefully-crafted** posters, talks, maps and reports at the Survey’s Annual Open House. Some of the projects he worked on focused on beryl pegmatites, fluoritic granites, lamprophyres, Pt-Pd potential of the Moore Lake Complex and the Peter Lake Domain, and REE potential of pegmatites. Having followed Dave into some of the areas that he investigated in those days, I can assure you that his work was of very high quality. In fact I was able to work alongside Dave for a few years,

when we jointly completed the La Ronge-Lynn Lake Bridge project between 1997 and 2000. And that was **mostly** fun.

After the 2002 field season David called it quits in regards to field work and became in charge of administering the department's Mineral Exploration Incentive Program until his retirement in 2007.

He has been a fellow with the Geological Society of London since 1970 and his involvement with the Saskatchewan Geological Society began in 1981. David has served on the SGS Executive as business manager, vice-president and twice as president (1985, 1994). He has also been on many SGS committees over the years, helped organize various soft and hard rock symposia, and completed a four-year stint as secretary with the Saskatchewan Geological Highway Map Committee. Some of you will know that he is planning to stay actively involved in geology; in fact he is leaving to La Ronge tomorrow where he will be teaching Introductory Geology for NORTEP.

Of course most of you will also know that Dave loves coins, stamps, model trains, his friends and family, and - obviously - the Queen, who I am sorry to say, Dave, couldn't be here tonight. So please, let's give David a warm welcome as he is coming up here to receive his award.

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