

## **Canadian Geoscience Knowledge Network Progress Summary, February 2006, V 1.0a DRAFT**

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The Canadian Geoscience Knowledge Network (CGKN) continues to make geoscience information from government agencies easier to discover.

In March 2006 the CGKN will have its 6<sup>th</sup> workshop in Toronto. The main themes to be addressed are the Data Catalogue issues and to inform participants of the progress in making the geological database a reality. This year we have guests from Australian government agencies who will inform us of their "Government Geologists Information Policy Advisory Committee" (GGIPAC) initiative, as well as, the President of the "Mining Industry Geospatial Consortium" (MIGC). The MIGC has been established to address the information management requirements of the mining exploration community and as well as lobby government on geoscience information management issues.

The CGKN Data Catalogue continues to improve its service. The site is averaging 200 users a day with peaks following conferences where the CGKN has had a presence. User feedback continues to drive improvements to the web site. A new version which uses tabs instead of pop-ups has just been released.

Many agencies have improved their data catalogue collections and are now hosting them within their own jurisdiction (NS, NB, & Yukon). Manitoba and Saskatchewan are presently working towards hosting up to date collections locally. When complete, this would leave only two agency's collections hosted at the GSC, these are the collections of Alberta and Quebec. The attached table shows the status of each collection and highlights areas which need improvement.

Registration of the CGKN collections in the GeoConnection's Discovery Portal is improving. Currently 36 collections are registered with 7 outstanding. We will push to have all collections registered by the end of the fiscal year.

The CGKN Lexicon of Canadian Geological Names On-Line has been well received. The Lexicon currently provides information on over 12,000 geological names used in Canada and will continue to grow. The content is continuously being improved and a new user interface is being work on and is on schedule to be released in early 2006.

The coming years promise to be an exciting time for CGKN with the possibility to establish involvement with industry.