

THE OBSERVATORY

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THE SLGO MEMBERS' GENERAL ORIENTATION MEETING – JUNE 10, 2010



Since its inception in 2005, the SLGO Corporation has worked towards developing a business plan, developing and implementing its innovative inter-institutional governance model, and in January 2009, began implementing its

operational structure (infrastructure and human resources), to finally officially launch its operations in November 2009.

Now that the implementation of operations is well underway and that the SLGO is scheduled to move to its new office space in Rimouski over the summer, all SLGO members are invited to participate in a general orientation meeting to be held at the Hotel Rimouski, on June 10.



During this meeting, SLGO members will be invited to actively participate in the first SLGO project planning and programming exercise. They will focus on the data that can be made available through the SLGO and identify potential data and information dissemination projects. At the end of the day, SLGO management and the development team would like to establish a preliminary work plan for 2010-2011 that will meet the members' needs and expectations.

We encourage all member organizations and guests to actively participate in this meeting.



COMING SOON

- ⇒ PARTICIPATION OF THE SLGO AT THE JOINT CONGRESS BY THE CANADIAN METEOROLOGICAL AND OCEANOGRAPHIC SOCIETY AND THE CANADIAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION, OTTAWA, 1-4 JUNE, 2010, [WWW.CMOS.CA/CONGRESS2010](http://www.cmoss.ca/congress2010)
- ⇒ SLGO MEMBER'S GENERAL ORIENTATION MEETING, RIMOUSKI, 10 JUNE, 2010
- ⇒ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE SLGO, RIMOUSKI, 11 JUNE, 2010
- ⇒ PARTICIPATION OF THE SLGO AT THE CANADIAN HYDROGRAPHIC CONFERENCE, QUEBEC CITY, 21-23 JUNE 2010, [WWW.HOSPITALITE.COM/CLIENTS/HYDROGRAPHIE](http://www.hospitalite.com/clients/hydrographie)

RECENT EVENTS

- ⇒ PARTICIPATION OF THE SLGO AT THE GREEN MARINE GREEN-TECH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: MONTREAL, 19-20 MAY 2010, [HTTP://WWW.GREEN-MARINE.ORG/GREEN-TECH-SEMINAR](http://www.green-marine.org/green-tech-seminar)
- ⇒ PROMOTIONAL AND INFORMATION TOUR BY THE SLGO: INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE (INRS) AND LAVAL UNIVERSITY, QUEBEC, 5-6 MAY 2010
- ⇒ VISIT OF A DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS & INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMERCIAL DELEGATE, RIMOUSKI, 23 FEBRUARY 2010

FOR MORE INFORMATION, REFER TO THE EVENTS PORTAL AT OGSL.CA

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On January 20th, during the seventh SLGO 2009-2010 Board of Directors meeting, members proposed that the Executive Committee (EC) be reactivated. The committee, which consists of Mr. Serge Demers, President, Mr. Jean Laflamme, Treasurer, Ms. Ariane Plourde, Vice-President, and Ms. Josée Charest, Secretary, has met three times since its inception.

The Executive Committee has been very active by participating in managing the Corporation by establishing a budget forecast for 2010-2011 and by approving the appointment of a Partnership Coordinator.

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NEW ARRIVAL AT THE SLGO



The SLGO is happy to welcome Ms. Rose Mary Lopez as its Partnership Coordinator.

With a Bachelor of Science from the La Molina National Agrarian University in Peru and a Masters in Marine Resources Management from the University of Quebec at Rimouski, Ms. Lopez first worked as a research officer for the ADRA advisory group in Rimouski, before joining the Technopole

Maritime du Québec (TMQ) from 2006 to 2009 as Project Manager for development and networking activities. During this experience, Ms. Lopez was mandated to monitor the SLGO implementation activities.

In office since April 26, 2010, Ms. Lopez is taking over the SLGO institutional outreach activities with members and potential partners in addition to participating in the activities of various committees. The SLGO Board of Directors, management and team are proud to welcome Rose Mary Lopez!

The SLGO would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of Mrs Gaëlle Chavignot during the winter of 2010 as Project Manager and would like to thank her for her excellent work in coordinating and monitoring the activities of various SLGO committees, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

A Few SLGO Statistics...

During the period from April 1st 2009 to April 30th, 2010, we monitored the *OGSL.ca* portal traffic and noted the following highlights:

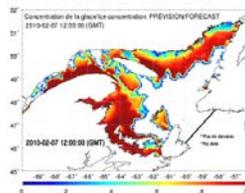
- ⇒ Nearly 25,000 visits;
- ⇒ Nearly 82,000 pages accessed;
- ⇒ By over 11,200 unique visitors;
- ⇒ From 62 countries and/or territories;
- ⇒ Using 16 different Internet browsing tools (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, etc);
- ⇒ With 8 different operating systems (Windows, Linux, Mac, iPhone, etc);
- ⇒ With 172 different screen resolutions.

OPERATIONAL NEWS



- ⇒ The first computer gateway between the SLGO and an active member organization has been deployed over the past weeks. It will provide access to Fisheries and Oceans Canada servers and allow the data to be distributed through the SLGO servers. Other gateways could be installed in the offices of active members over the course of the year so that new data and information dissemination projects can be carried out by the Web development team.

- ⇒ Sea ice concentration forecasts animations for the winter of 2009-2010 are now available at *OGSL.ca*. For more information, visit the Annual and Interannual comparisons page from the "Ocean Forecasts" section.



Variable Geometry Users

The work conducted by the SLGO Web development team is designed to provide access to data and information from the Corporation's member organizations while taking into account the diversity of user clientele. Through the Web traffic statistics, we can include in our procedures a range of functionality and accessibility tests that allow us to make sure all can see the content presented, regardless of the platform and configuration settings they use.

