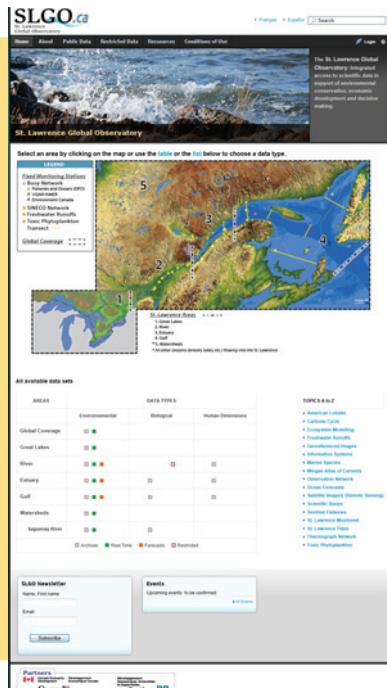


THE OBSERVATORY

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The St. Lawrence Global Observatory:
 access to scientific data supporting the conservation of the environment,
 economic development and decision making

New SLGO.ca user interface



SLGO now offers new ways to get to the data. User can search by geographical areas, data types or topics.

Tell us what you think of these latest improvements.

Send your comments to: info@ogsl.ca

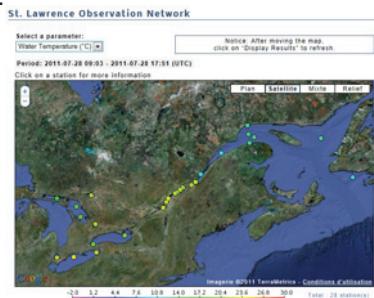
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St. Lawrence Observation Network

The application has been adapted to provide access to various parameters.

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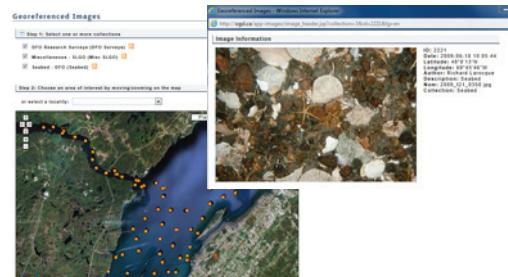
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Georeferenced images

A new collection of over 400 images of the sea floor is now available.

Details at: <http://slgo.ca/en/imageo/images.html>



Positioning & communication activities

SLGO participated in:

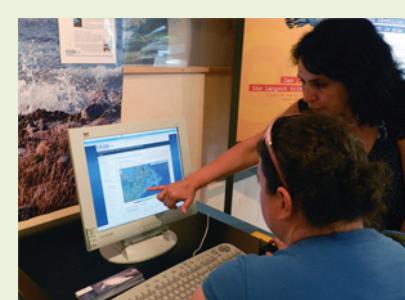
- Launching of Stratégies Saint-Laurent's «Community Portal», Quebec, May 27, 2011.
- Consultation about «Centre d'appui à l'innovation par la recherche (CAIR)» and «cellule de veille stratégique en innovation», Rimouski, June 8, 2011.
- Oceans Day, in collaboration with Québec-Océan, Quebec City, June 9, 2011.
- Round table on International Trade & Ocean Technologies, Rimouski, June 20, 2011.
- CIDCO's Applied Hydrography conference, Rimouski, June 20-21, 2011.

Business meetings:

- M. Scott McLean, Director, Ocean Networks Canada, Rimouski, May 31, 2011.
- Ms. Joane Hallé & Ms. Jane Rutherford, Trade commissioners, Dept. Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada – DFAIT, Rimouski, June 22, 2011.
- Mr. Martin Fournier, Executive director, Armateurs du Saint-Laurent, Quebec City, June 30, 2011.

Inauguration of a SLGO computer station

A computer station providing access to the SLGO portal was inaugurated July 2, 2011 at the Parc de la rivière Mitis in Sainte-Flavie. This project was carried out in collaboration with Mr. Michel Fournier of INRS, also Park's director, and of Technopole Maritime du Québec.



The event was followed by a public conference about the observatory presented by Ms. Rose Mary Lopez, partnership coordinator.

Looking Ahead

- Fall 2011: SLGO Annual Members Orientation Meeting, Rimouski.

Annual General Meeting

SLGO's 5th annual general meeting was held on June 9, 2011. Representatives from member organisations met in Quebec City and were presented with an overview of the corporation's accomplishments and future plans.



Highlights of the past year include moving SLGO's personnel and server infrastructure to new office space in Rimouski, participating in the Gulf of San Jorge ocean observatory project in Argentina and, developing a new business plan for 2011-14.

Significant efforts were dedicated to the new business plan including several strategic planning meetings and a market study.

New SLGO Associate Member

SLGO is proud to welcome the Regroupement des organismes de bassins versants du Québec as a new associate member. The ROBVQ represents 40 organisations across Quebec and is recognised by the Quebec Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks as its privileged partner for the implementation of the integrated management of watersheds in Quebec.



New Member Category for the Industry

The Annual Members Assembly ratified a Board of Directors' decision to include a new category of members from industry in the field of marine & aquatic science & technology and Earth observation. SLGO is now pleased to offer businesses the possibility of joining the Observatory and benefit from the synergy created by its member's community while enjoying the international visibility provided by SLGO Internet portal.



For more information, see the Events section at: <http://slgo.ca/en/events.html>

Membership Agreements

SLGO is very proud to announce that the very first organisations to become active members in 2008 namely ***UQAR-ISMER, Laval University, INRS*** and ***Fisheries and Oceans Canada***, have renewed their Membership Agreement.

These Agreements are signed by SLGO and its data producing member organisations. This renewed commitment is very promising

for the future and confirms the interest of the parties to keep on collaborating, carrying on projects and pursuing their common objective to make data available and relevant to users.



Board of Directors

Members of SLGO's Board of Directors and Executive Committee have renewed their mandate for 2011-12 except for Ms. Marie Lagier of Stratégies Saint-Laurent. SLGO wishes to thank Ms. Lagier for her contribution.

- ⇒ Mr. Serge Demers [UQAR-ISMER], *president*
- ⇒ Ms. Ariane Plourde [DFO], *vice-president*
- ⇒ Ms. Josée Charest [INRS], *secretary*
- ⇒ Mr. Jean Laflamme [CIDCO], *treasurer*
- ⇒ Mr. Laurent Bellavance [TMQ], *administrator*
- ⇒ Ms. Julie Boyer [MAPAQ], *administrator*
- ⇒ Mr. Maurice Levasseur [U. Laval], *administrator*
- ⇒ Mr. Pierre Magnan [UQTR], *administrator*
- ⇒ Mr. Philippe Morel [EC], *administrator*