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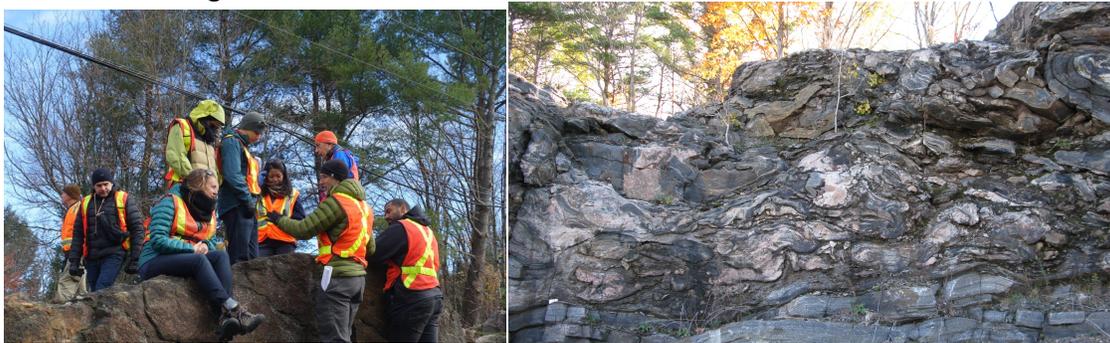
## 1. 2016 Canadian Tectonics Group Annual Workshop

The Canadian Tectonics Group (CTG) held their annual workshop at and around the Quality Inn in Bracebridge, ON, Oct. 21-23 2016. It was the 36th workshop since the CTG's formation in 1981.

And they all came. Meticulously organized by Toby Rivers, Fried Schwerdtner, and Dennis Waddington, the meeting attracted almost 60 participants. Many of them were CTG'ers of the first and second hour: founding fathers Paul Williams and Fried Schwerdtner, Willem Langenberg, Ray Price, Pierre Robin, and Phil Simony, who holds the record for number of meetings attended. But don't get fooled by the headline, there was plenty of emerging, young talent: approximately half of the participants were graduate students from various Canadian universities; groups from Dalhousie, McMaster, Queens, Sudbury, Waterloo, and Western with their project advisors. Government employees and industry workers complemented the academic crowd.

The workshop began for the early birds on Friday 2 pm with an informal geological walk across the town of Bracebridge while the rest of the group trickled in from all over the continent. The tour focused on good outcrops of variably strained granitoids comprising the Bracebridge antiform, a km-scale so-called cross-fold recently interpreted as a transtensional structure. The excursion continued until into darkness and the excursionists joined the meet-and-greet dinner in progress. Later in the evening, Toby Rivers gave a comprehensive introduction to the regional and local Grenville geology that provoked some animated discussion among the participants.

Saturday morning started with the typical hearty breakfast buffet, which was followed by a day's worth of 15 minutes talks and poster sessions. The workday ended with the second poster session. The oral presentations and poster sessions were complemented as being of a high quality. The evening opened with a cash bar followed by the conference dinner before 24 voting members and guests assembled for the CTG's semi-annual business meeting.



Sunday was the traditional field-trip day. Owing to the many narrow roads used, the motorcade was short this year: most participants were carried from outcrop to outcrop in a school bus. Temperatures could have been a bit higher, but weather was dry and still much more pleasant than at many previous CTG workshops. The trip emphasized major lenticular structures (foliation mega-boudins?) in the Muskoka domain of the Ottawa River Gneiss Complex, western Grenville Province. Some participants left the field trip

after the brown-bag lunch, which was consumed at a scenic small lake, in order to catch their flights out of Pearson.

You can download the field guide and the program-with-abstracts volume from the CTG website: <http://gac.esd.mun.ca/sgttd/>

Feel free to experience the CTG spirit via LinkedIn (>420 members), Facebook (388 likes) and our email discussion list (details on the CTG website: <http://gac.esd.mun.ca/sgttd/>). There you will also find documentations of many previous CTG workshops since 1981. The field guides give a great overview of Canada's geology from coast to coast.

The CTG thanks the organizers for their excellent work. Next year's workshop will be in Kelowna, BC. And since the CTG is an informal group, everybody can participate, including you.

See you in October 2017!  
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## **2. Students: apply for a grant of up to \$600 to attend the Back To Where It Began GAC-MAC Meeting in Kingston, Ontario**

CTG will once again provide support to enable two students to attend the GAC-MAC Meeting. Priority will be given to a student or students who are presenting talks or posters, and who wish to attend either of the sponsored field trips (see Section 3 below). Students should contact the CTG Chair ([dawn.kellett@canada.ca](mailto:dawn.kellett@canada.ca)), attaching a copy of a submitted abstract, together with a short cover letter including:

- A budget of the costs associated with attendance, including travel, and other sources of funding available;
- A statement indicating why you wish to attend the meeting and field trip, and how you expect to benefit from them;
- A transcript or transcripts of your academic record.

**Deadline: March 31, 2017**