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KEGS Foundation Announcement

James Macnae Selected As Inaugural Collett Distinguished Visiting Lecturer

The Directors of the KEGS Foundation are very pleased to announce that Dr James Macnae of RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia, has been selected as the inaugural Len and Genice Distinguished Visiting Lecturer in Geophysics, to be hosted by the Earth Sciences Department at the University of Toronto in March 2019.

Dr. Macnae is globally known for his extensive contributions to advancing the theory and practice of electromagnetic and electrical surveys, with many important publications on these topics, and is a frequent speaker at major geophysical meetings, including the annual KEGS Geophysical Symposium in Toronto. He earned his MSc and PhD degrees under Dr. Gordon West at the U of T, where he had an opportunity to meet Len Collett during the latter's long and distinguished career with the Geological Survey of Canada.

This lectureship is made possible by the extraordinary legacy gift to the Foundation by Len and Genice Collett, announced last year during Exploration '17. It forms an important extension of the Foundation's efforts to foster geophysical education in Canada, now in its nineteenth year, complementing and extending the KEGS Special Lecture program which arranges geophysical talks by notable experts at various Canadian universities.

It is anticipated that Dr. Macnae will present at least two lectures and a short course in Toronto covering various topics related to modeling and interpretation of EM, electrical and magnetotelluric surveys, with opportunities for significant interaction with students at the UofT during his planned stay (March 1-15). Depending on his schedule, he may also present talks at nearby universities in southern Ontario. He is also scheduled to present a talk at a BCGS meeting in Vancouver on March 28, before returning to Australia.

The Directors acknowledge that the Foundation received expressions of interest from a number of notable geophysical researchers and practitioners from around the world for the inaugural lecturer appointment. We hope to extend invitations to many of these applicants for participation in the Collett Distinguished Lecture program in subsequent years.

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*NB: **KEGS** is the well-known acronym for the Canadian Exploration Geophysics Society, the leading mining geophysics organization established in 1953 and based in Toronto. The **KEGS Foundation** was established as a federally chartered charitable organization in 1999, and has provided more than 250 scholarships to Canadian students since inception.

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