



# Wellar GeoSkills Lecture Series

It is with great pleasure that the Laboratory for Applied Geomatics and Geographic Information Science, University of Ottawa, announces the *Wellar GeoSkills Lecture Series*, which will be launched in the Spring semester, 2009.

The lecture series honours Dr. Barry Wellar, former Professor of Geography, and now Professor Emeritus after his retirement from the University of Ottawa in 2005. The *Wellar GeoSkills Lecture Series* recognizes the many contributions he has made to teaching, research, and applications in remote sensing, geomatics, geographic information systems, and geographic information science.

In addition to recognizing his past achievements, however, the *Wellar GeoSkills Lecture Series* supports Dr. Wellar's initiatives as the Director, Geography Awareness Week, for the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG).

The Geography Awareness Week (GAW) page of the CAG website ([http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/news\\_index.html\\_geography-awareness-week.html](http://www.cag-acg.ca/en/news_index.html_geography-awareness-week.html)) has become internationally known for its innovative approach to illustrating why and how geography affects Canada's social, economic, and environmental fabric. Beginning with GAW 2007, 50 Canadian websites are identified each year for the outstanding way that they illustrate the importance of geography to such matters as weather and climate, water, energy, transportation, and food and health. The selected websites are linked to the CAG website, and combine to provide an extraordinary insight into the geographies of Canada.

In 2008, the Applied Geography Showcase and the **GeoSkills Showcase were introduced by Dr. Wellar** to inform Canadians about how geographic concepts, information, tools, methods, and techniques are being used by governments, businesses, and interest and advocacy groups, as well as in schools, and in college and university teaching and research activities.

The Showcases are receiving international attention, and are catalysts for major developments in both applied geography and geoskills. The Lab actively participates in both Showcases, and will increase its involvement by sponsoring an annual *Wellar GeoSkills Lecture*.

Finally, we are most pleased that Dr. Wellar has agreed to launch the lecture series. The tentative title for his presentation on January 27 is "GeoSkills as an Organizing Framework for a New Approach in Applied Geography Training."

For more information about the *Wellar GeoSkills Lecture*, please contact Dr. Mike Sawada at 613-562-5800x1040, or [msawada@uottawa.ca](mailto:msawada@uottawa.ca) or [www.geomatics.uottawa.ca](http://www.geomatics.uottawa.ca)

**Time:** 13h10 - 14h10

**When:** Tuesday, January 27th

**Where:** Simard Hall, RM 041 & 039

**Info:** [www.geomatics.uottawa.ca](http://www.geomatics.uottawa.ca)

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