



Message from the outgoing Executive Director

The Canadian Climate Forum is entering a new phase with the appointment of a new Executive Director and the renewal of its Board of Directors under the leadership of Thomas Pedersen. This newsletter will bring you up to date on some of the changes. It has been a great privilege for me to work with the Forum and its community over the last 13 years. My very warmest thanks for your support and my best wishes for all your efforts to ensure that weather and climate knowledge continues to benefit Canadians and the economy.

New Executive Director

The Canadian Climate Forum is very pleased to announce the appointment of **Deirdre Laframboise** as Executive Director of the Canadian Climate Forum.

Deirdre has worked for over 20 years in the not for profit sector in the areas of sustainability, air quality, climate change, environmental health, waste management and policy. She co-founded and led two national charities, one of which won international and national awards for its groundbreaking, curriculum-connected programming focused on the interconnections between ecosystem and human health.



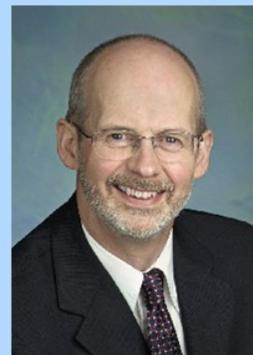
Deirdre is a two time certified trainee of The Climate Reality Project (Al Gore) and member of several national advisory committees (health and environment). She holds a Master's degree in Environmental Studies (minor in Business Administration), from York University (1994).

New Forum Chair and Board

Elections at the Annual Meeting in Rimouski, June 4, 2014 heralded changes to the membership and structure of the Board of Directors. These changes expand sectoral representation on the Board, consistent with the Forum's objective of accelerating the uptake and use of weather and climate knowledge to serve the needs of society and the economy. The Chairman of the Board and CEO for the Forum is **Thomas Pedersen**, Executive Director of the Pacific Institution for Climate Solutions (PICS) at the University of Victoria.

Tom has headed PICS for the last half decade. His previous positions have included Dean of Science, Professor of Oceanography and Director of the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences at the University of Victoria, and Associate Dean, Research for the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of British Columbia.

He holds a degree in geology from UBC and a PhD in marine geochemistry from the University of Edinburgh.



CCF Board of Directors 2014-2015

- ◆ Tom Pedersen, Executive Director, PICS (**Chairman and CEO**)
- ◆ Merran Smith, Executive Director, Clean Energy Canada
- ◆ Gordon McBean, Western University, London (**past CCF Chair**)
- ◆ John Mills, Ontario
- ◆ Chris White, Vice President, Federal Affairs, Insurance Bureau of Canada
- ◆ Catherine Cobden, Executive Vice-pres., Forest Products Assoc. of Canada
- ◆ Ann McMillan, Ontario
- ◆ Jim Abraham, Halifax
- ◆ Ian Church, Whitehorse, Yukon
- ◆ Humphrey Banack, 1st Vice-president, Canadian Federation of Agriculture
- ◆ Maurice Levasseur, Université Laval

Support the work of the Forum

The Canadian Climate Forum receives no public funds and relies on donations, sponsorships and support from other sources. We invite you to support its work with a contribution towards its projects, publications, workshops—and running costs. All donations will benefit from a receipt for tax purposes.

Donations can be made directly to the CCF Secretariat or through 'Canada Helps':

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Gordon McBean - President of the International Council for Science (ICSU)

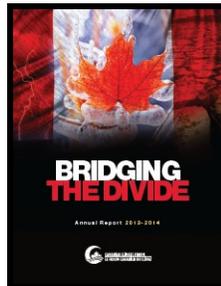
On September 3, 2014, Gordon McBean became the first Canadian president of the International Council for Science. ICSU, a non-governmental agency dedicated to strengthening international science for the benefit of society



Gordon is based at Western University, where he is affiliated with the Departments of Geography and Political Science, is Director of Policy Studies at the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction; and Director, Research and External Relations – Centre for Environment and Sustainability. He has held senior positions at the University of British Columbia and at Environment Canada, and for 14 years was CEO and Chair of the Canadian Climate Forum and its predecessor, CFCAS. His service and achievements in the fields of climate change and natural hazards research have been recognized with the Orders of Canada (2008) and Ontario (2010), and other honours.

Annual Report

The Forum's 2013-2014 Annual Report is now available on its website at www.climateforum.ca



Report to Government Finance Committee

CCF Board member Catherine Cobden presented the Forum's Brief to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance (pre-budgetary consultations) in Ottawa, October 20, 2014. The Brief recommended:

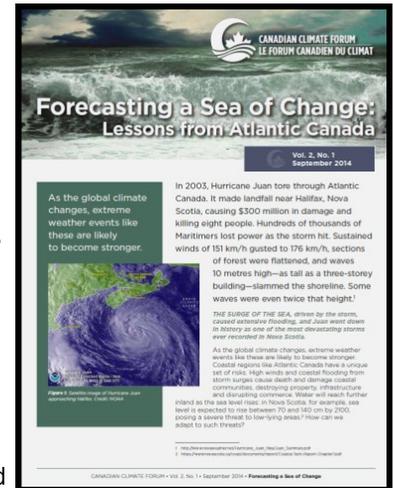
- ◆ An increased federal investment in monitoring and observations of weather; and for analysis of the information;
- ◆ Additional funding for the Climate Change and Atmospheric Research Fund, currently administered by NSERC;
- ◆ A more proactive approach to mitigation and adaptation;
- ◆ Funding of a new program for transfer of knowledge;
- ◆ Incentives for incorporation of climate resilience into strategic plans; and to encourage early adoption of adaptations.

The brief can be viewed on the CCF website.

Forum releases information paper on climate impacts on Canada's Atlantic coast

In October 2014 the Forum released its latest 'Issues Paper', entitled: *Forecasting a Sea of Change: Lessons from Atlantic Canada*.

The paper describes climate risks on the Atlantic coast and their economic and human impacts. It reviews advances in the forecasting of storm surges and coastal flooding, and tools for visualizing and tracking changes. It also highlights the impacts of ocean acidification on Canada's highly valuable fishing industry. The paper is on the Forum's website and available from the Forum Secretariat.



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PICS Climate Insights

The Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions has just launched the latest course in its interactive PICS Climate Insights Educational Series. The course—modestly entitled *Everything you Wanted to Know about Climate Change in Three Easy Lessons*, is oriented to British Columbians but will certainly interest others. The full collection of PICS courses and mini-lessons can be viewed at pics.uvic.ca/education

OURANOS Guide released

The Ouranos Consortium on Regional Climatology and Adaptation to Climate Change (Quebec) recently released a new tool for decision makers. The *Guidebook on Climate Scenarios* is aimed at anyone involved with climate change adaptation. The Guide is available on line at <http://www.ouranos.ca/>

