



FOUR BILLION YEARS AND COUNTING: OCTOBER 2007 BULLETIN

Although no *FBY Newsletter* has been produced since the spring, progress on the book *Four Billion Years and Counting: Canada's Geological Heritage (FBY)* has been proceeding apace. All chapters are at various stages of progress, many in advanced pre-review stages. And we have identified francophone co-authors for most of the chapters — it will be their task to produce a version of the chapter in French.

The generation of a uniform set of graphics has finally begun, thanks to a generous grant from the Canadian Geological Foundation. And the gathering of a broad collection of photographic images has continued to bring together an exciting visual smorgasbord of possibilities. To add to the many personally-contributed collections and to the Parks Canada set, we have now added a selection of “top images” from NRCan's Earth Sciences Information Centre's collection. Also, International Year of Planet Earth's Canadian patron, Roberta Bondar, a published photographer as well as astronaut, is allowing us to include some of her images.

We continue to envisage a joint publication model, with the Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences being the institutional partner and a private sector publisher being the other partner. The second partner has yet to be identified (we have three interested parties), but the project's Publication Committee has set a deadline of the end of October 2007 to make this decision.

We are still projecting an August 2008 release, but there is still much work to be done. Critical to this end is the fund-raising effort, which is proceeding under the auspices of the Canadian National Committee for International Year for Planet Earth. There is much optimism but no news as yet.

Finally, the FBY website is now up-and-running. It has all previous Newsletters, plus frequently updated information about the FBY project — generalities as well as structure of the book and people involved with or who have contributed to the project. It can be found at the following URL:

<http://cfes-fcst.ca/fby>

Note that the viewer can toggle between English and French via the EnFr button. Feedback is

welcome, including suggestions for revisions of any incorrect information.

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