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Presidents report

This report highlights the major activities of the GSJ for the year 2003—2004 following the Annual General Meeting of February 2003. The weather was relatively kind to us this year and as such we were able to stage three successful field trips. The first was a trip to the north coast and western Jamaica led by Dr. Simon Mitchell and Mr. Gavin Gunter. This highlight of this trip was a visit to the world famous Seven Rivers site in St. James where the legged sea-cow "*Pezosiren portelli*" was discovered. The second trip was to the South-eastern coast of Jamaica led by Ms. Sherene James and Dr. Simon Mitchell. The third trip, also led by Dr. Simon Mitchell, examined the rocks of the St. Ann's Great River Inlier near to St. Ann's Bay. The natural gas bubbling out of the Great River was a major hit with participants of this trip. All field trips were well supported and I take this opportunity to thank the leaders and participants for supporting this very important activity of the GSJ.

In response to the call for variety in the activities of the Society, an evening social was held in May at the home of Council member Ms. Shanti Persaud. This event was welcomed by many who spent a relaxing evening enjoying the food and a slide show of the previous field trip to western Jamaica.

A fund-raising Barbecue was held in November on the grounds of the Department of Geography and Geology at UWI. This event was also well supported not only by GSJ members but by staff and students of the UWI as well as members of other Societies. We thank the members of the Natural History Society of Jamaica who continue to support our activities.

This year the GSJ Scholarship was awarded to Ms. Lorraine Richards, a final-year student at UWI majoring in Geology. We wish Ms. Richard all the very best as she pursues her studies. The Society expresses sincere gratitude to the sponsors of the Scholarship Fund for their continued support of the scholarship not only by providing the money, but also by participating in the process of selecting a suitable recipient.

The Council elected at the last AGM went through several changes as we lost three elected member throughout the course of the year. Ms. Anestoria Shalkowski and Mr. Brian Richardson both left the island in April to pursue graduate studies in Japan and the United Kingdom respectively. Ms. Sherene James left in September to take up a one-year scholarship to the University of Liverpool. The Council co-opted Professor Ted Robinson, Ms. Tracey Powell and Mr. Ryan Ramsook to fill the vacancies created by their departure.

It has been a successful year and I thank the members of Council for their hard work, and the members of the Society for supporting them.

Ian C. Brown

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Treasurers report

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF JAMAICA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JAN 2002 – DEC 2003

	\$	\$	\$
INCOME	2002	2003	TOTAL
Field Trips	2,100.00	20,600.00	
Journal Sales	36,427.52	296,569.25	
Membership Fees	18,889.50	15,300.00	
Scholarship	45,000.00	86,000.00	
Earth Science Week	2,400.00	4,620.00	
Donations	10,419.20		
Bank Interest	7,334.66	8,770.37	
Sigma Investment Interest	18,401.66	12,227.56	
AGM		1,250.00	
BBQ		31,680.00	
TOTAL INCOME	140,972.54	477,017.18	617,989.72
 EXPENDITURE			
AGM	3,542.13	3,000.00	
Journals	49,500.00	50,500.00	
Sigma Investment Tax	4,370.61	2,705.09	
Secretariat	3,000.00		
Refreshments	7,121.52	6,604.02	
Savings a/c Taxes	1,502.99	2,191.47	
Scholarship	50,000.00	50,000.00	
Postage	6,004.00	3,862.00	
Bank Charges	3,343.05	602.80	
Earth Science Week	9,471.50		
BBQ			
Miscellaneous		17,500.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	137,855.80	136,965.38	274,821.18
 NET INCOME			 <u>343,168.54</u>



**GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF JAMAICA
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2003**

<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	\$	<u>CAPITAL</u>	\$	\$
	0.00	Starting Capital (at 01/01/02)	771,958.65	
		Net Profit	343,168.54	
		Capital at 31/12/03		1,115,127.19
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Stock	592,652.00	Creditors		41,600.00
Debtors	0.00			
Bank Accounts	560,617.01			
Cash	3,458.18			
	<u>1,156,727.19</u>			<u>1,156,727.19</u>

Clarification GSJ scholarship 2003/04

The GSJ expresses sincere thanks to the following organisations for their contributions to the 2003/04 GSJ Scholarship which was awarded to Miss Lorraine Richards. The Petroleum Cooperation of Jamaica (PCJ), Alumina Partners of Jamaica (ALPART), Alcoa Minerals of Jamaica (JAMALCO), West Indies Aluminium Company (WINDALCO) and Caribbean Cement Company (CCC) all contributed to the scholarship fund.

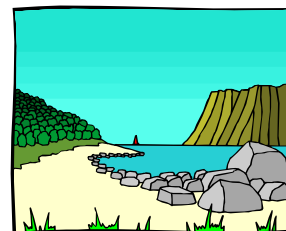
The GSJ welcomes short articles, technical information, reports, news items, old photos etc. which are suitable for inclusion in the Newsletter. Submissions should be made to the Geological Society of Jamaica newsletter c/o Department of Geography and Geology, University of the West Indies Mona, Kingston 7.



Field Trip



Romancing the Stone



Geology and Coastal hazards of North-Eastern Jamaica



14th February 2004

This Trip will include Field Trip stops at Orange Bay, St. Margaret's Bay, Port Antonio and Folly Point.

~~COST:~~
Members
\$500

Led By Ms. Deborah-Ann Rowe, Ms. Shakira Khan and Professor Edward Robinson
Department of Geography and Geology

TRANSPORTATION LEAVES DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY & GEOLOGY AT

8:00 AM SHARP

Persons who wish to attend should give their names to :

Dr. Thomas Stemann (tstemann@yahoo.com)





Geology Highlights



(Above L-R) Dr. A. Pearson, Prof. T. Jackson & Prof. P. Scott



(Above L-R) Dr. S. Mitchell & Prof. E. Robinson (Behind) Mr. D. Williams & Ms. K. Black



(Left) Ms. Mifrah Faisal



(Above L-R) Dr. M. Wiggins-Graindison I & Ms. S. Persaud



(Below L-R) Dr. P. Allsworth-Jones, Dr. M. Wiggins-Grandison, Dr. S. Mitchell & Prof. Edward Robinson



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	Ms. Tracey Powell

* Demitted office September 2003

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NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

POSITION: _____

TEL(O): _____ FAX.: _____ TEL(H): _____

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At which address would you like to receive mail?

HOME

OFFICE

MEMBERSHIP FEES (Indicate your status with an asterisk (**))

STATUS	ANNUAL FEE (J\$)
Institutional	3,000.00
Professional	500.00
Associate	200.00
Student	100.00

Areas of Interest: _____

Membership in the Society is open to all persons with an interest in Geology and all related earth sciences. Application for Membership may be submitted to the Secretary/Treasurer, Geological Society of Jamaica. c/o Department of Geography & Geology, University of the West Indies, Mona, Kingston 7, Jamaica. **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING EACH YEAR OR BY THE 31ST OF JANUARY.**