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APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS FIRST BURSARY TO INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED GEOSCIENTIST

June 9, 2016, Toronto, Ontario: The APGO Education Foundation ("the Foundation") is pleased to announce the recipient of its first award under the Bursary Program that will support immigrants to Canada who are internationally-trained geoscientists and have demonstrated financial need for completion of licensure procedures for registration as a professional geoscientist (P.Geo.) in Ontario. The 2016 bursary recipient is:

• Dr. Aidi Biati – Geological Survey of Iran

The Foundation bursary is \$5,000. The recipient was chosen by a Selection Committee formed by the Board of Directors of the Foundation and received the bursary at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) held on June 9th in Toronto. A second bursary of \$5,000 will be awarded in the fall of 2016 with applications opening in mid-August.

Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Geo., Chair of the Foundation, commented: "We are delighted to award our first bursary. It is very important that we assist recent immigrants who are geoscience-trained to obtain their professional registration with APGO to enable them to practice as professionals in Ontario. We are also working with APGO to enhance mentoring of these Individuals as they further develop their professional careers."

Further details on the bursary program are available on the Foundation website at www.apgoedfoundation.ca.

ABOUT THE APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The APGO Education Foundation ("Ed Fdn") is a registered charitable organization under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act, registration number 84604 5052 RR0001. The purpose of the charity is to advance the education of the public in the area of geoscience by 1) providing scholarships to post-secondary students for the study of geoscience in a degree program; 2) providing bursaries to immigrants to Canada who are internationally-trained geoscientists and have demonstrated financial need for completion of licensure procedures for registration as a professional geoscientist in Ontario; and 3) holding lectures, presentations and conferences on geoscience to enhance the knowledge of the general public.

For further information

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