



Theme for the Centennial of the Discovery of the Burgess Shale:

### Putting Earth Back Into the Sciences



The earth sciences have become a forgotten science in our schools today. The junior and senior school curricula are nearly void of any geology/earth science courses. The students are not aware of what career choices are available to them and what programs or courses are available to them at the post secondary levels of study. The Resources of the earth are diminishing. The population is burgeoning. This comes at a time when the students of today are the managers, CEO's, teachers, professors and community leaders of tomorrow who will be faced with managing adequate sources of water, adequate landfill sites, clean air and adequate food supplies for future generations.

We invite you to financially support the 100 Years of Discovery in honour of Charles Doolittle Walcott, whose multidisciplinary genius and natural sense of curiosity propelled him to investigate such wonders as the Burgess Shale. Your support is very important, and will help the Foundation offer the excitement of scientific exploration and discovery to thousands of students through their school curricula, and offer the general public a glimpse of the exciting world displayed by the incredible Burgess Shale fossils. You will help the Foundation to “put Earth back into Sciences.”

In 2009 the Burgess Shale Geoscience Foundation will celebrate **100 Years of Discovery** – the centennial of Charles Walcott's discovery of the Burgess Shale fossils. The Foundation has developed a **Centennial Program** which will be of particular interest to students, from junior high through post-graduate levels, as well as researchers from many disciplines and the general public. The Program will reflect the excitement of science, especially earth science, as it applies to the Earth's future.

The mandate of The Burgess Shale Geoscience Foundation is to: integrate earth sciences into the curricula from K – 12; to create an interest among junior and senior high school students to pursue post-secondary studies in the earth sciences in order for students to be adequately equipped to replace retiring members of the Geoscience community and to be capable of managing our diminishing resources; to expose students to various careers in the geosciences so that students will be informed regarding possible career options and appropriate levels/types of education that is required for careers/jobs they are interested in pursuing.

# Pledge Form: The Burgess Shale Geoscience Foundation

*The Burgess Shale Geoscience Foundation has become a recognized world leader in the scientific educational community. Its mandate is:*

- a) Increasing science literacy for students and the general public*
- b) Developing and integrating earth sciences into the curriculum for students and teachers*
- c) Education and interpretation of the Burgess Shale to citizens of the world*

Yes, I want to support the Burgess Shale Foundation's 100 Years of Discovery Program in honour of Charles Doolittle Walcott.

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