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Brief report on activities and pictures

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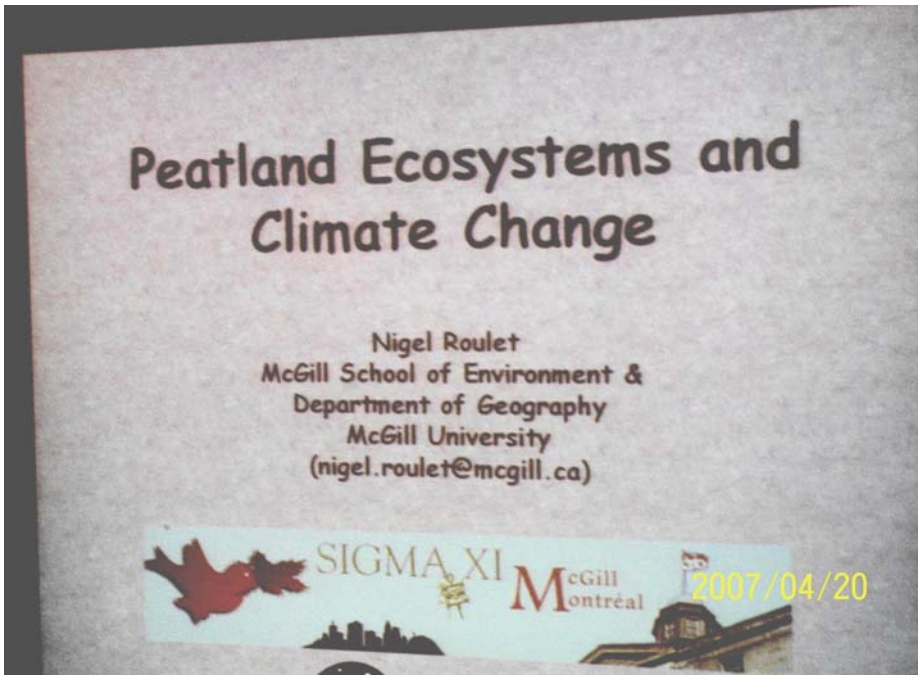

The front page of the Banquet Lecture


Dr Nigel Roulet in a relaxed mood

Dr. Roulet arriving back from Amsterdam and off to say farewell to two of his Graduate Students, gave the Banquet Talk in the Macdonald-Harrington Building now the School of Architecture, but formerly the Chemistry Department, and in the Lecture Room where Tony Whitehead gave his first Lecture at McGill in 1962.

Dr.Roulet gave a brilliant and detailed critical analysis of the theories behind the predictions of Climate Change, and the relation to experimental measurements from air, sea and ice cores, satellite and earthbound measurements and showed how theory and experiment agreed. There was none of the political obscuration or media misrepresentation, but a clear eyed presentation of the dire predictions and their experimental occurrences each year. The Peatland ecosystems, which cover the eastern northern regions of Europe and Canada, are a breathing area for absorbing the various greenhouse gases and moderating climate change, only as long as they have the same water content and water coverage. His personal research, especially in the Ottawa Area, have studied one peatland area for twenty years and can separate the normal from climate change effects.

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The Audience walked over to Le Caveau for their Annual Banquet and Initiation Activities; whether the restaurant had heard Dr. Roulet or not, climate change had resulted in our Meeting Room being flooded in the Basement and we retired to an upstairs Room: thirty five people attended and several New Initiates were welcomed, and Signed the Chapter Book and received the McGill-Montreal Certificate after being introduced by their Sponsor. The initial open bar followed by a good wine with an exceptional meal lead to a truly memorable evening.

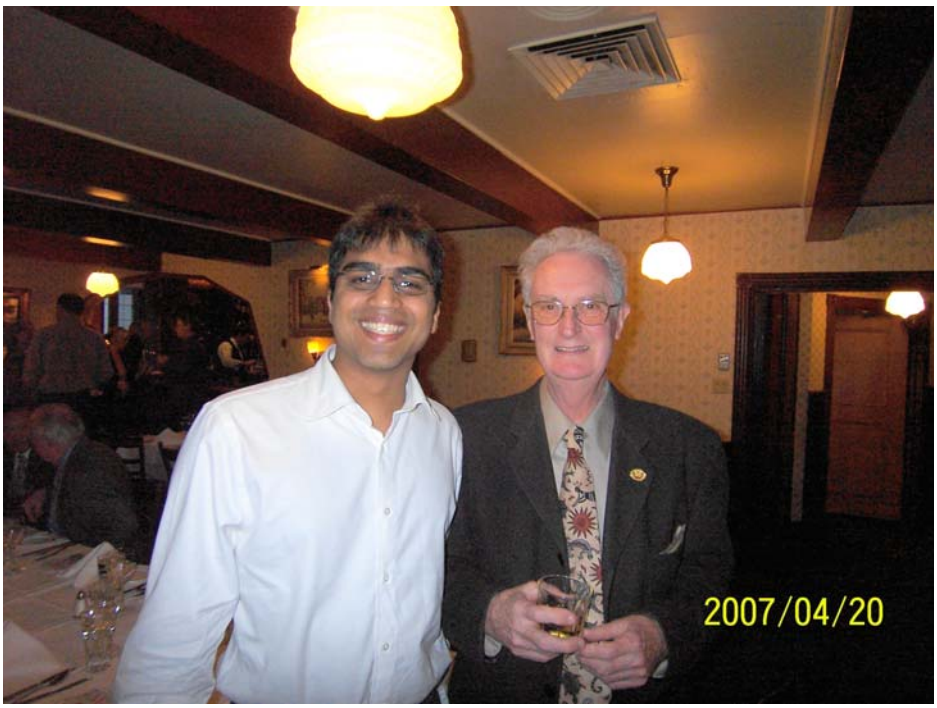
With us was computational origami pioneer Dr. Robert Lang, who had just made and presented to McGill a giant origami Pteranodon a Cretaceous flying reptile; starting with a five meter square of strong paper, he took from Tuesday, 17th April to Friday, 20th April to complete it and get to our Banquet on time!

Dr. Robert Lang, folding his giant origami Pteranodon
a Cretaceous flying reptile.

The Members and their guest arrive at the open bar.

The President's Table: Dr. Grazyna Wiczek, Dr. Juan Vera, Dr. Peter Roughley, Dr. Tony Whitehead, Gillian Roper, Dr. Peter Roper and Mrs. Roper.

Dr. Bijan Movaghar, a new Member, next to Dr. Arthur Yelon, his Sponsor, and Members Dr. Michael Smith, Mrs Smith, Dr. Reghan Hill, Dr. Movaghar's wife and Mrs. Yelon.



Zahid Shabbir Mahimwalla and Tony Whitehead: Zahid was made an Associate Member for his Research on nanotube absorption on surfaces with Dr. Kakkar and Dr. van de Ven.

The Student Table: An Ngo, Event Chapter Secretary, Zahid Mahimwalla, Thomas Lazzara, Membership Chapter Secretary, Marta Kocun, Associate Member for her research on single molecule stretching experiments at the Chemistry Department, Concordia University, Maria de Boeuf and Ed Hudson, Associate members for their work organising the McGill Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Research Symposium.

Dr. Robert Lang, with members Ann Macay and Victoria Dickensen from the McCord Museum.