

**CHARLEVOIX IMPACT STRUCTURE: A MUSEUM AND A NATIONAL PARK UPCOMING**

S. Genest. Meteorite Impact Research Group, Hubert-Reeves Institute, 301, ch. Beauséjour, Crabtree, Quebec, Canada, J0K 1B0. E-mail: [groupeomegalpha@bellnet.ca](mailto:groupeomegalpha@bellnet.ca).

**Introduction:** On the behalf of the Hubert-Reeves Institute (HRI) executive committee, I am really proud to announce the creation of a museum and a national park dedicated to the well known Charlevoix meteorite impact structure. The opening of both is scheduled for June 2013.

**Organization:** The HRI is a nonprofit organization created to increase the scientific skills of the youth, the general public and the manpower involved in Earth science. The executive committee is composed of scientific representatives coming from the following organizations: Canadian Spatial Agency, Ministère des Ressources naturelles et de la Faune du Québec, Université Laval, Université du Québec à Montréal, and Groupe Omegalpha. Some representatives coming from the Chambre de commerce de Charlevoix, the Musée maritime de Charlevoix and the Réserve mondiale de la biosphère de Charlevoix are complementing the executive committee with four other individual members.

**Earth Museum:** The «Earth Museum», «Musée de la Terre» in French, will be located in the scientific complex of the Institute to be built in St-Joseph-de-la-Rive, Province of Quebec, Canada, in the uplifted area of that well exposed and very accessible complex impact structure. Planet and meteorite impact sciences will be put forward within all the 12 museum rooms in order to pinpoint the importance of those sciences for the knowledge of the Earth's evolution since the Big Bang up to today. The museum will also present valuable collections to the visitors, i.e. the Jehan Rondot impact rocks gathered throughout the world on several impact structures and the most famous Darrel S. Futrell tektites' collection. Those collections have been acquired by Groupe Omegalpha with the archives of both scientists and they will be shared with the Institute for the benefit of research and museum purposes as well. The talk will present the museum orientation and the national park project.

**HRI web site:** For more information, please refer to our web site [www.instituthubertreeves.com](http://www.instituthubertreeves.com).