

War of 1812 Re-Enacted by IAGLR Hockey Players

Potsdam, NY. Last May some sporting participants at the annual International Association for Great Lakes Research (IAGLR) Conference in Cornwall gathered to pit themselves against one another in a test of international collaboration: an ice hockey game of Team IAGLR USA versus Team IAGLR Canada to vie for the Defy Cup.

This was the fifth consecutive annual meeting of these two teams and they skated to a 5-5 tie – a befitting outcome reminiscent of the outcome of a war between a fledgling US and Great Britain that started 200 years earlier. Of the three games played in Canada since 2008, the goal differential is a single score, which shows how close these challenges are. The IAGLR teams were formed of a mix of Canadian and American players with the intention of maximizing the skill equality, which meant trading players of one nationality to play on the other team. This may seem to defy convention, but international collaboration is not new to these researchers. These two nations have agreed to peacefully share these waters since the War of 1812, and from an environmental view point, the Boundary Water Treaty of 1909 specifically outlines sharing these waters to protect their integrity.

Team IAGLR USA raised the most funds from players and supporters in the stand and won the honor to select Chris Deon, the MVP of the 2012 game. This year's game also raised the most funds ever, \$928.18, which was donated by IAGLR Team USA to support the IAGLR Scholarship fund, a scholarship awarded annually to a graduate student studying the Great Lakes. Sponsorship of this year's game was provided by Fluid Imaging Technologies Incorporated of Yarmouth, Maine. The ceremonial puck drop was by the Honourable Bob Kilger, Mayor of the City of Cornwall and former NHL referee.

The "Defy Cup," is a trophy created from Potsdam Sandstone and Adirondack maple, donated by Clarkson University President Tony Collins. Clarkson University, located in Potsdam, in the northern reaches of New York State, has 87 years of tradition playing collegiate hockey and the Defy Cup befits this initiative.



Photo Caption: IAGLR Teams Canada coached by former IAGLR President Dr. Ralph Smith (far left) and Dr. Mark McCarthy with the Defy Cup (center ice). Team lineups: Canada; Brian Bezaire, Ted Biggs, Doug Bohl, Jacob Bruxer, Christina Collard, Joel D'Amour, Conrad deBarros, Paul Helm*, Andrew Morley, Matthew Newman, James Rusak, David Stevenson, Chris Strand, Michael Twiss. USA; Matt Cooper, Dave Delisle, Chris Deon**, Ryan Hladniuk*, Tom Holsen, Robbie LaCoss, Mike Milligan, Harry Neslon, Neil Shock, Allison Smart, Scott Toth, Don Uzarsjki, Cody Webster, Ryan Wheeler, John White, Bill Kirkey. * = previous Defy Cup MVP, ** = MVP 2012. (Photo credit Avery Twiss)