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## Media Release

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

OETR to host Nova Scotia Offshore Basin Forum 2007

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The Offshore Energy Technical Research Association (OETR) is holding a Geoscience Forum next week that it hopes will help lead to renewed exploration interest in the Nova Scotia Offshore. The Nova Scotia Offshore Basin Forum 2007 will be held on October 1 and 2 at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The Forum will bring together geoscientists and other key players in the energy industry to review current information and discuss issues, challenges and knowledge gaps in Nova Scotia's offshore geology. Closing these gaps is a critical part of the Province's effort to attract new exploration investments.

The OETR Association, Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board, Geological Survey of Canada, Petroleum Research Atlantic Canada, and the Nova Scotia Department of Energy have been collaborating to develop a petroleum geoscience community of interest that fosters coordinated geoscience-related research and development efforts necessary to better understand the petroleum geology of offshore Nova Scotia. The Forum is an important part of this collaborative effort.

"Representatives from these organizations have organized this Forum as it is in our collective interest to improve our petroleum geoscience knowledge of Nova Scotia," said Sandy MacMullin, Acting Chair of the OETR Research Advisory Committee. "Forum participants will have an opportunity to learn about some of the research initiatives being funded by this community."

The theme of the Forum is "Uncovering Our Resources Through Geoscience". Forum sessions will include discussion on basin structure and depositional history, petroleum systems, international perspectives, and OETR initiatives and current research. The Forum is presented in association with the Canadian Offshore Resources Exhibition & Conference (CORE.07), which takes place October 2 to 5.

At the Forum, the OETR Association will be awarding a cash prize of \$500 to the student who presents the best poster during the poster session. Also, in an effort to give back to the local community and help those in need, the Association will be presenting a cheque for \$1000 to Bryony House, a transition home that provides shelter for abused women and their children.

The OETR Association is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to fostering research to enhance petroleum exploration and development of Nova Scotia's offshore. The Association's members are Dalhousie University, Saint Mary's University and the Nova Scotia Department of Energy. Funding for OETR activities and research comes from grants totaling \$2.85 million from the NS Department of Energy.

For more information on OETR and Nova Scotia Offshore Basin Forum 2007 please visit our website at [www.offshoreenergyresearch.ca](http://www.offshoreenergyresearch.ca).

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