

The Offshore Energy Technological Association has awarded three research grants to Nova Scotia scientists. The move is part of the province's continuing efforts to attract potential industry explorers by providing them with valuable information about Nova Scotia's offshore resources. Keith Loudon, professor of oceanography at Dalhousie University, will receive \$300,000 for a project looking at petroleum systems on the Scotia Slope using thermal and seismic techniques. Georgia Pe-Piper, professor of geology at Saint Mary's University, will receive \$300,000 for a study that will define the distribution systems for sand and help industry explorers refine their exploration targets and better understand the quality of underground petroleum reservoirs. Grant Wach, professor of petroleum geology at Dalhousie University, received \$293,250 for a project that will investigate reservoir distribution within the petroleum system. It will provide industry with the groundwork for a better understanding of petroleum reservoirs.