AWG’s international membership is steadily growing. Our 48 international professional and student members come from numerous countries that include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Egypt, Germany, India, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Mongolia, Nigeria, Norway, Puerto Rico, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. Several of our international members are also exploring the possibility of establishing AWG international chapters. Consequently, within this next year, AWG looks forward to having chapters started in Argentina, Afghanistan, Brazil, Canada, Mongolia, and Norway.

AWG international members continue to contribute to the International Corner section of GAEA. “Greetings From Ethiopia”, by Kholoud Mohamed Ali, a Lecturer at Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt, appeared in GAEA’s Winter 2013 issue. Aditi Sharma, an undergraduate student of Applied Geophysics at the Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad, India, wrote “Treasure-Hunt: The Quest Of My Soul”, for GAEA’s Spring 2013 issue. If you missed reading either of these wonderful articles, they are posted on AWG’s International Region’s website page: http://www.awg.org/members/international.htm.

One of our upcoming AWG international activities I am really excited about is the AWG Canadian Rockies field trip scheduled for late August/early September of 2014. Two of our Canadian AWG members, Katherine Boggs and Mindy Brugman, are putting together an amazing field trip. The trip begins and ends in Calgary, Alberta. The 9-day main trip itinerary includes a classic transect through the Canadian Foothills to Main Ranges of the Foreland Fold and Thrust Belt, Columbia Icefields Parkway geology, a Burgess Shale hike, Rocky Mountain Trench geology, and Crowsnest Pass geology. An optional 2-day trip to Dinosaur Provincial Park and to the Royal Tyrrell Museum can be added on to the main field trip. The field trip is still in the planning stages, but information on trip costs and trip registration will be advertised in AWG publications, on the AWG website, and in several other geological publications by early 2014.

Although AWG is making progress in our global outreach, we have much work still to do. As one AWG Brazilian member, Monica Oliveira, recently said to me, “I don’t know if I can speak for the entire community of Brazilian women geoscientists, but AWG is very poorly, or not at all advertised here, which is a shame, because I feel like we have a lot to add to and gain from you.”

Any requests for international member information and international chapter formation can be emailed to me, Debbie Hanneman, at: whgeol@gmail.com.

Photo caption: Castle Mountain (Canadian Main Ranges) and Bow River, Banff National Park, Alberta, by Ben Rye.