# Preface

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the *Climate Impacts and Adaptation Science* journal published by the Climate Lab at the University of Toronto (CL@UT) located at the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences, University of Toronto Scarborough. CL@UT was established over ten years ago by William A. Gough, now Chair of the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences at the University of Toronto Scarborough, as a focal point for climate research and students. CL@UT membership expanded five years ago with the co-location of Environment Canada climatologists at the Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences as major collaborators in CL@UT research.

CL@UT conducts, facilitates and hosts research and science on the impacts of, and adaptation to, past and future climate change. Over the past few years, CL@UT has launched a climate seminar series, an annual climate science symposium, a climate student award, a summer institute climate training session, a diploma programme on applied climate change, and now a journal.

*Climate Impacts and Adaptation Science* aims to provide an international and interdisciplinary forum for highlighting the concerns and needs in adapting to the effects of climate change. This journal aims to provide a forum for up-to-date study, research and thinking on the impacts of climate change; the vulnerability to future climate change; current adaptation plans, strategies and actions; and future adaptation options and needs.

Our first issue emerges from a science symposium hosted by Environment Canada titled *Planned Adaptation to Climate Change* in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada from 9-11 March 2009 on climate change adaptation science, management and policy options. The following ten papers were among those presented at the symposium, and we present peer-reviewed versions of them here as a testament to the symposium as well as to our collective efforts to build our capacity to adapt to climate change.

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