## Acceptance by Hendrik Falck:

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I have to admit to being quite speechless when I received the email from Dr. Shoufa Lin, saying that I was the 2022 recipient of the CFES Mentorship Medal. I have participated in many of the organizations that are part of CFES and having watched the ceremonies, I have always been impressed by the previous award winners. It is an honour to be here, but it is even more so to participate with Dr. Sandra Barr receiving the 2021 Medal as well.

I would like to start by thanking my nominator Garth Kirkham and the numerous colleagues and students who contributed their support. I blushed quite a bit while reading the document. I had not appreciated the impact of my doing something that I consider to be a lot of fun, introducing people to the rocks of the Northwest Territories.

Since the initial announcement, I have been asked several times how I could work with so many people. I actually never thought about it before. Bill Padgham a former NWT Chief Geologist working with Herb Helmstaedt, Bill Fyson and Al Donaldson and Val Jackson another CFES Medal winner showed me how supporting students could be a successful and powerful way of meeting a government survey’s goals. My supportive bosses Scott Cairns and John Ketchum at the NWT Geological Survey deserve immense credit for always finding the resources to support another thesis. One of the benefits of working in the Northwest Territories is that there is always a good geological problem that would benefit from a closer examination.

Finding ways of inviting professors and students to the NWT and introducing them to the cool geology is truly more fun than work. The rocks are incredible and the Territories are a spectacular place to work. The issues that start as intractable problems are usually reduced to buckets of samples and reams of lab results and thin section photos by some truly great and dedicated geologists. I won’t try and thank all of the professors and students individually in this presentation but I look forward to trying to meet with as many as possible in the next few days to do so. They do bring an incredible level of science to what is a small survey in a remote part of the world. Learning from them is one of the best pleasures and rewards for the efforts of making the projects work. Following their careers even after they leave the projects is really a pleasure.

Just to close things up, I would also like to take a moment to thank Deanne van Rooyen and the organizers of the GAC meeting here in Halifax. Their efforts in pulling the meeting together should be applauded.

Many thanks.

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