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**P.H.S. Lunch and Learn Meeting – Friday, March 8, 2013**

**John Allan: Founding Alberta's Energy Industries**

by Willem Langenberg, Adjunct Professor,

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In 1912, Dr. John Allan was appointed as the first professor in geology at the University of Alberta. He was assigned to develop courses in geology and to found the departments of Geology and Mining. This appointment helped to define and expand the role of geology in the development of Alberta's natural resources, as envisioned by Premier Rutherford and Dr. Tory.

Dr. Allan was a professor for nearly 40 years and head of the Geology Department for 37 years. In addition to this work, he was involved in the founding of the Scientific and Industrial Research Council of Alberta in 1921. He was head of the Research Council's Alberta Geological Survey from 1921 until his retirement in 1949. His work is well illustrated by a collection of 7000 photographs, held at U of A, some of which we will see during this presentation.

*Willem Langenberg is the principal researcher of Long Mountain Research Inc. Before that, he worked for the Alberta Geological Survey for almost 35 years. He obtained a Ph.D. in structural geology from the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands in 1972. Willem is a fellow member of the Petroleum History Society. More about his interests is at <http://easweb.eas.ualberta.ca/page/directory/?person=wleng>.*

TIME: 12 noon, Friday, March 8, 2013.  
PLACE: Calgary Petroleum Club, 319 – 5th Avenue S.W. – Viking Room  
COST: Members \$30.00 and Guests \$35.00 (most welcome)  
(cash or cheque only at the door)

**R.S.V.P. if you wish to attend to: Micky Gulless, 403-283-9268 or [micky@fuzzylogic.ca](mailto:micky@fuzzylogic.ca) by noon, Wednesday, March 6, 2013, if not sooner.**

**Individuals who indicate that they will be attending  
- but do not materialize - will be considered**

**“no shows” and will be invoiced for the cost of the luncheon.**

**Individuals who do not R.S.V.P. by the deadline cannot be assured of seating.**

**Reminder PHS Annual Meeting will be on March 27, 2013.**