



# Geochemical Society

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### Milestones in Geochemistry



Barbara Sherwood Lollar

As it does in alternating Januaries, New Year's Day in 2014 saw the changing of the guard at the Geochemical Society. I am sure you will all join me in expressing thanks to Rick Carlson for his extraordinary vision and energy in moving the Society forward during his 2012–2013 presidency, and we count on being able to continue to draw on his insight and expertise in his new role as past president. Profound thanks are also due to Sam Mukasa, who was past president in 2012–2013, as he steps down from the GS executive after 6 successful years of leadership. We welcome and

extend our congratulations to the new GS vice president, Laurie Reisberg (president-elect for 2016–2017), and 5 new Board members, Anton Eisenhauer (secretary), Katherine Freeman (OGD chair), Hilairy Hartnett (OGD secretary), Tomoki Nakamura (director), and Chris Hawkesworth (director), who are joining the 2014 GS Board for the first time. As the new president for 2014–2015, I am looking forward to working with the whole team.

Along with new faces, the Geochemical Society has several historic milestones to celebrate this year and next. December 4, 2013, marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Frederick Soddy's publication in *Nature* that is widely credited for formally introducing the terms *isotopes* and *isotopic elements* because they occupy the same place in the periodic table; this idea was supported by earlier work by Van der Broek (from a *Nature* publication on November 27). See more on Soddy's landmark publication, and the subsequent response from an always lively Ernest Rutherford, at [www.nature.com/physics/looking-back/soddy/index.html](http://www.nature.com/physics/looking-back/soddy/index.html).

Intriguingly, December 4 has been, since medieval times, the festival of St. Barbara, the patron saint of geologists, miners, and all those who work with stone. If you feel so inclined, send in your write-in ballots and we'll see if we can get ourselves a patron saint of isotopes!

In the coming year, preparations will be underway for the 2015 celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Geochemical Society and the 25<sup>th</sup> Goldschmidt Conference (which, while inaugurated in 1988, has been held annually only since 1994). The pre-party (tailgater for you football fans) will begin with the 24<sup>th</sup> Goldschmidt on June 8–13, 2014, in Sacramento, California! For information, go to <http://goldschmidt.info/2014/>.

The chairs of the International Program Committee, Dominique Weis and Adina Paytan, are working closely with the Local Organizing Committee, led by Paul Renne, Isabel Montanez, Charlie Alpers, and Lisa Hammersley, to ensure that the California Goldschmidt in Sacramento delivers the high-quality, diverse, and exciting international science you have come to expect from the meeting, coupled with expanded opportunities in student and early-career mentoring, the

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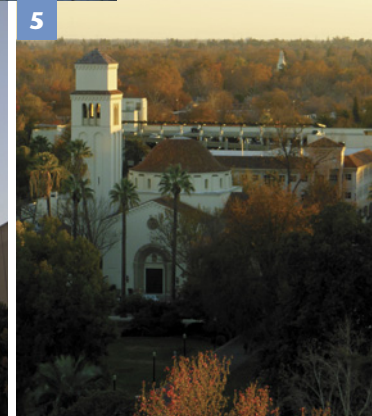
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1. Decorations at the Hyatt, Sacramento
2. Old Sacramento
3. Memorial Auditorium seen from the Sacramento Convention Center
4. Meridian Plaza, near the SCC
5. The historical Westminster Presbyterian Church, near the SCC

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ability to submit two abstracts as presenting author (only one as a possible oral presentation), a state-of-the-art venue for sessions, meetings and exhibits, superb locations for field trips, and a lively social program in the center of historic California's gold and wine country. The state capital and also the oldest incorporated and sixth-largest city in California, Sacramento's founding population of indigenous peoples, Spanish explorers, Chinese immigrants, pioneers, and gold-seekers developed the settlement at the confluence of the American and Sacramento rivers. This strategically located city was the hub of the first transcontinental railroad, and before that the western end of the Pony Express—a western heritage that can still be explored in the restaurants and bistros of historic Old Sacramento (pictured), a short walk from the conference venue and hotels. The Governor's Mansion, Crocker Art Museum, Memorial Auditorium, and State Capitol buildings and parkland (pictured) adjacent to the conference center provide opportunities to extend the conference beyond the walls and enjoy the city. In addition to official conference field trips, informal side trips to Napa (60 minutes), San Francisco (90 minutes), Tahoe (2 hours), and Yosemite (3 hours) will beckon to delegates.

California begins here! Join us in this historic location as Goldschmidt 2014 continues its role as science and community catalyst, on the cusp of its second quarter century.

**Barbara Sherwood Lollar**, GS President

## GS WELCOMES NEW OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEERS

On January 1, 2014, Barbara Sherwood Lollar (University of Toronto) took up the mantle as Geochemical Society president. She will serve after Richard Carlson (Carnegie Institution of Washington), who remains on the Board as past president. Joining the 2014 Board of Directors are six new members: Vice President Laurie Reisberg (CRPG), Secretary Anton Eisenhauer (GEOMAR), OGD Chair Katherine Freeman (Penn State University), OGD Secretary Hilairy Hartnett (Arizona State University), Director Tomoki Nakamura (Tohoku University), and Director Chris Hawkesworth (University of St. Andrews).

Five committees also welcome new members. Jeremy Fein (University of Notre Dame) and Andrew Davis (University of Chicago) join the 2014 Joint Publications Committee; Erik Hauri (Carnegie Institution of Washington) and Takeshi Kakegawa (Tohoku University) join the 2014 Nominations Committee; Elisabeth Sikes (Rutgers University), Hilairy Hartnett (Arizona State University), and Josef Werne (University of Pittsburgh) join the 2014 OGD Executive Committee; Pratiqya Polissar (Columbia University) joins the 2014 OGD Best Paper Award Committee; and James Brenan (University of Toronto) and Li-Hung Lin (National Taiwan University) join the 2014 *Geochemical News* editors.

For a full list of officers and volunteers please visit [www.geochemsoc.org/society/committeesandpersonnel/](http://www.geochemsoc.org/society/committeesandpersonnel/).

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