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GABEC-GNM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL: INNOVATIVE METHODOLOGIES FOR THE CHARACTERISATION, DIAGNOSIS AND CONSERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

GABeC (Georisorse, Ambiente, Beni Culturali) and GNM (Gruppo Nazionale di Mineralogia), two informal groups that operate under the aegis of SIMP, held an International School on the theme “Innovative Methodologies for the Characterisation, Diagnosis and Conservation

of Cultural Heritage, in Catania and Siracusa (Sicily) on July 1–4, 2014. The School emphasized a multidisciplinary approach, presenting the viewpoints of geologists, physicists, chemists and archaeologists, and featured lectures delivered by eleven distinguished experts. The 53 participants were also given the opportunity to present

posters about their current research. The School was complemented by visits to the Archaeological Park and the Paolo Orsi Museum in Siracusa. Germana Barone and Paolo Mazzoleni, local contacts of the Organizing committee, did their best to make everything run smoothly and happily. For more details, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/school-gabec2014/>, where you can download the abstracts of presentations. Selected contributions from the School will be published in a special issue of the *European Journal of Mineralogy*.

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International Meteorite Collectors Association – Brian Mason Award

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INTERNATIONAL COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION – BRIAN MASON AWARD

In 1997, Joel Schiff, the first editor of the popular *Meteorite* magazine, created a travel award in honor of Brian Mason, who was born in New Zealand. The award is given to a student attending the annual meeting of the Society who submits an abstract that presents clearly explained, exciting results of particular interest to readers of *Meteorite* magazine. The recipient is required to write a popular account of his/her work for the magazine. Since 2008, the award has been generously funded by the International Meteorite Collectors Association.



Agnese Fazio

This year the program committee for the Casablanca meeting selected Agnese Fazio to win the Brian Mason Award. Agnese is a graduate student at the University of Pisa, Pisa, Italy. She submitted an abstract entitled “Shock metamorphism and impact melting in small impact craters on Earth: Evidence from Kamil Crater, Egypt,” authored by A. Fazio, L. Folco, M. D’Orazio, M. Frezzotti, and C. Cordier. This paper discusses the small, relatively recent Kamil Crater and the shock features found in the rocks surrounding the impact structure.

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Please consider nominating a colleague for one of the Society’s awards. Nominations should be sent to Secretary Mike Weisberg (metsec@gmail.com) by January 15 (January 31 for the Service Award and the Pellas–Ryder Award). For more information and details on how to submit a nomination for any of these awards, please see the latest Newsletter on the Society website or e-mail the secretary.

The Society gives a number of awards each year. The **Leonard Medal** honors outstanding contributions to the science of meteoritics and closely allied fields. The **Barringer Medal and Award** recognize outstanding work in the field of impact cratering and/or work leading to a better understanding of impact phenomena. The **Nier Prize** recognizes outstanding research in meteoritics and closely allied fields by young scientists (under 35). The **Service Award** honors members who have advanced the goals of the Meteoritical Society to promote research and education in meteoritics and planetary science in ways other than by conducting scientific research. The **Paul Pellas–Graham Ryder Award** is given for the best student paper in planetary science and is awarded jointly by the Meteoritical Society and the Planetary Geology Division of the Geological Society of America.