



International Association of Geoanalysts

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GEOANALYSIS 2018

The International Association of Geoanalysts' calendar is structured around a three-year cycle, the kick-off being the triennial Geoanalysis conference series. The 8–13 July 2018 witnessed the tenth such Geoanalysis conference, which took place at Macquarie University in the northern suburbs of Sydney (Australia). Despite its remoteness from the traditional heartland of the IAG, the level of attendance at the 2018 conference remained strong, with 104 abstracts being presented during the five-day event.



Some of the delegates at the Geoanalysis meeting gather outside the conference venue during an afternoon break.

The Geoanalysis conference series is well-known as an excellent setting where delegates discuss recent technical advances in a relaxed atmosphere, and the 2018 excelled at this important tradition. Parallel sessions were avoided, with roughly two-thirds of the contributions being presented in poster format. The emphasis on posters within the conference's overall structure was a success, as they formed the focus of the late-afternoon social events over three of the days. This structure provided many opportunities for researchers to directly interact with those scientists working most closely to their own research field. Another tradition of the Geoanalysis conference is the mid-week field excursion: the Macquarie conference organizers provided an excellent excursion to the Hunter Valley region north of Sydney, where field trip participants were able to see how decades-long environmental contamination has impacted communities associated with the export of Australia's natural resources. Also, certain to be long remembered, was the conference dinner organized as an evening cruise on historic Sydney Harbour.

Another highlight of the 2018 Geoanalysis conference was the celebration of the many scientific accomplishments made by Jon Woodhead of the University of Melbourne. Jon has been a pioneer in many key aspects of both laser ablation analyses and in isotope ratio determinations using the inductively coupled plasma ion source. In recognition of Jon's many important contributions, he received the IAG's top award as an Honorary Fellow of our association.



Jon Woodhead (LEFT) receiving the IAG Honorary Fellow award at Geoanalysis 2018.

Also noteworthy were two student awards for excellence, which were sponsored by Macquarie University. In recognition of both the high impact of their geoanalytical research and for the exceptional quality of their presentations, Alicja Wudarska of the Polish Academy of Sciences (lecture format) and Zsanett Pintér of Macquarie University (poster format) received their awards prior to the Friday afternoon closing session.



Dorrit Jacob (LEFT), Chair of the Geoanalysis 2018 Organizing Committee, presents Alicja Wudarska (CENTRE) and Zsanett Pintér (RIGHT) certificates in recognition of the best student contributions at the conference.

NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The beginning of the next three-year cycle of our association brings with it the seating of a new suite of officers and members of the IAG Governing Council. The results from the election were announced at the IAG's general meeting in Sydney. For the period from 2018 to 2021 the IAG's Governing Council will consist of:

PRESIDENT: Jacinta Enzweiler (University of Campinas, Brazil)
 VICE-PRESIDENT: Regina Mertz-Kraus (University of Mainz, Germany)
 HONORARY SECRETARY: Jennifer Cook (British Geological Survey, UK)
 HONORARY TREASURER: Chris Jackson (Kent, UK)
 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Thomas Meisel (Montanuniversität Leoben, Austria)

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Dieter Garbe-Schönberg (University of Kiel, Germany)
 Charles Gowing (British Geological Survey, UK)
 Mike Pribil (U.S. Geological Survey, USA)
 Axel Renno (Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf, Germany)
 Martin Rosner (Isoanalysis, Germany)
 Michael Wiedenbeck (Helmholtz Zentrum Potsdam, Germany)

THE IAG YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARD

Again in 2019, the IAG will be sponsoring a young scientist award that will include a certificate of recognition and a cash prize that will cover the registration fees for next year's Goldschmidt meeting in Barcelona (Spain). Further information and the nomination form can be downloaded from <http://www.geoanalyst.org/awards/>. The deadline for senior scientists to submit nominations is 31 January 2019.

GEOANALYSIS 2021

Finally, the venue and date for the next Geoanalysis conference was announced at the International Association of Geoanalysts' general meeting in Sydney. During its spring 2018 meeting, IAG's Council carefully deliberated between four high-quality hosting bids that had been submitted earlier in the year. All four proposals were found to offer unique strengths, but, in the end, it was possible for Council to unanimously select the University of Freiberg as the location for the next Geoanalysis meeting: this will be held during the first week of August 2021. Council was not only convinced of Freiberg (Germany) as an excellent venue for Geoanalysis, it being conveniently located at the heart of Europe half way between Berlin and Prague (Czech Republic), but was also attracted to the historical role of Freiberg's Mining University, which can claim to be the birthplace of analytical geochemistry. It was in Freiberg during the late Middle Ages where the analysis of the ore grades produced by the Saxon silver mines introduced quantitative chemical analyses to the world of geochemistry. We all eagerly look forward to the next triennial gathering of the IAG in 2021.

