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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Liane G. Benning

I am a scientist and a geochemist – I am one of you. Since January, I just happen to also be the president of the EAG. Holding this position is a great privilege and an honour, and it comes with responsibilities that I am still learning about. I am stepping into the huge leadership footprints left by Chris Ballentine. This in itself is a daunting task, not just because of his innumerable contributions while a Council member and Goldschmidt officer but also because the EAG is what it is today largely because of his calm, steady leadership. This led to a step

change in the way the European and international geochemical communities collaborate and interact, and I learned from him diplomacy and how to strive for inclusiveness. Thanks Chris.

The council of an organization such as the EAG is not a one-person show. It relies on the common effort of a team of geochemists who together develop new initiatives. We are grateful to outgoing EAG Council members Bernard Bourdon, Bernie Wood, Christa Göpel, Amaelle Landais and Michael Bau for their contributions to the society and past European Goldschmidt meetings. Special thanks go to Christa Göpel for her long service as our treasurer. From her early years, when our financial situation was shaky to say the least, she has helped us develop a solid base, which is now paying dividends through a number of funded activities. Christa is passing the bank box to Karim Benzerara. We also have new members on the Council. These include two new officer councillors: Bernard Marty, who was elected as our next vice president, and Antje Boetius, who has agreed to serve as Goldschmidt officer for the 2017 meeting. In October 2014, you also elected 3 new EAG councillors, Sigurður Gíslason, Andreas Pack and Dominik Weiss. With the new role of early career councillor filled by Stefanie Lutz, we also aim to improve our response to the needs of young geochemists.

There was some consternation about our recent councillor election roster, which listed only 6 white males. EAG policy is to elect Council members who are the best at what they do and who are willing to contribute to our geochemical community efforts, regardless of gender, nationality or age. Members who looked at the current make-up of our Council may have noticed that we actually have an approximately 1:1 gender balance; electing 3 males (and 2 females) in this round does not change that ratio (see www.eag.eu.com/about/council/). However, it is good to know that our members took notice and commented on this issue. I would like to thank all those who voted and I am looking forward to working with our new Council members over the next 2 years.

The EAG is your society, and Council members are just temporary gate masters acting in your interest. We look forward to your opinions and offers to help make our society more effective. We are developing several new initiatives for you in 2015. One that is currently very exciting is the launch of a new EAG publication: *Geochemical Perspectives Letters* (www.geochemicalperspectivesletters.org). You can find our first GPL paper as a free online download. The first printed volume, in the well-known A5 format of *Geochemical Perspectives*, will be distributed at the Goldschmidt Conference in Prague. The editors of GPL are looking forward to many more exciting geochemical contributions, also from YOU. Only with your engagement, in GPL and the spectrum of EAG activities, can the community effort gain the success it deserves. I truly hope to see you at the 2015 Goldschmidt in August in Prague.

Liane G. Benning, EAG President

JOINING THE EAG COUNCIL



Bernard Marty is a professor of geochemistry at the CRPG in Nancy. His main research interests include the origin of isotopic variations in the Solar System, the geochemistry of volatile elements (C, N, water, noble gases), early-Earth geodynamics and environments, mantle geodynamics and fluid circulation in the crust. Bernard has been elected as EAG vice president.



Antje Boetius is a deep-sea and polar researcher, with a focus on biogeochemistry, geomicrobiology and ecology. She leads a Joint Research Group of the Alfred Wegener Institute, the Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research and the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology. She is also engaged in the MARUM Excellence Cluster for Marine Environmental Sciences of the University of Bremen, Germany. Antje has been elected as Goldschmidt officer for the 2017 meeting.



Sigurður (Siggi) Reynir Gíslason is a research professor at the Institute of Earth Sciences, University of Iceland, and chairman of CarbFix (carbfix.com), an initiative to store carbon in basaltic rocks. Sigurður has been elected as EAG councillor.



Stefanie Lutz is a PhD student in the Cohen Geochemistry Group in the School of Earth & Environment at the University of Leeds and is currently working on the biogeochemistry of glacial surfaces. Stefanie has been elected as our first early career councillor.



Andreas Pack is a professor of isotope geology at the University of Göttingen and works on topics in geo- and cosmochemistry, atmospheric science, experimental petrology and applied mineralogy. Andreas has been elected as EAG councillor.



Dominik Weiss is a reader in environmental geochemistry at Imperial College London. His main research interests centre on the role and chemistry of metals in the environment. Dominik has been elected as EAG councillor.



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