



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Every two years the direction of the Geochemical Society (GS) undergoes a reorganization. At the beginning of January, Roberta Rudnick will become the new President, I will become Past President, and Barbara Sherwood Lollar will leave the executive. I'd like to offer Roberta all my best wishes in her new role, which I know she will fulfill splendidly. I'd also like to warmly thank Barbara for her remarkable contributions to the GS over the past six years. Barbara's rare combination of vision, perceptiveness, and good sense have been critical to moving the GS forward through the many changes the society has seen in recent years.

One of the best parts of being GS President has been the opportunity to work with a fantastic group of people. Dozens of volunteers donate their time by serving on GS committees or the Board of Directors. Without the selfless efforts of these volunteers, the Geochemical Society could not exist. In addition to our many volunteers, the GS also has a professional staff. Our office is run with great efficiency by Chief Operating Officer Kevin Johnson. Kevin also plays an essential role in assuring that the GS Presidents have all the information needed to make well thought-out decisions, and his calm, sensible advice steers us in the right direction when we start to go astray. Many thanks are also due to M.A. O'Donnell, who has been our dedicated Membership Coordinator for the past two years.

One of the most important activities of the GS is sponsoring the Goldschmidt conference, for which we alternate with our sister society, the European Association of Geochemistry (EAG). Here again, the critical importance of our volunteers is obvious – the Goldschmidt conference simply could not take place without them. The 2016 Goldschmidt in Yokohama (Japan), co-sponsored by the Geochemical Society of Japan, was a great success, thanks to the work of the Local Organizing Committee and the Science Committee, and to all who helped out as theme chairs, session organizers, workshop and field-trip leaders, grant evaluators, mentors, and student helpers. Many scientists from eastern Asia attended the conference and joined the GS at that time, contributing to our continuing efforts to make the society as representative as possible of geochemists from all over the world.

So, thanks tremendously to all of our volunteers, whose efforts and enthusiasm assure the good health of the geochemical community. The vitality of this community is increasingly important in these complex times, given the insights that geochemistry provides into so many of the challenges facing our world.

Best wishes to all of you for a happy and healthy New Year. We hope to see you in Boston (Massachusetts, USA) at Goldschmidt 2018!

Laurie Reisberg
GS President

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The Geochemical Society thrives thanks to the efforts of many dedicated volunteers. Our sincere gratitude goes to the following GS members whose board and committee terms conclude in 2017.

Board of Directors

- Anne Peslier (Jacobs Technology at NASA Johnson Space Center, USA)
- Yuji Sano (University of Tokyo, Japan)
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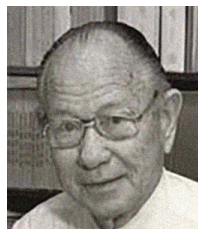
Geochemical Fellows Committee (joint committee with EAG)

- Cristina Facchini (Italian National Research Council, Italy)
- Dan Frost (Universität Bayreuth, Germany)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: GOLDSCHMIDT SPECIAL LECTURES

The GS is seeking nominations from the community for three lectures to be presented next August at Goldschmidt2018 in Boston. The nominations deadline for all three lectures is 15 January 2018 and more information can be found at www.geochemsoc.org.

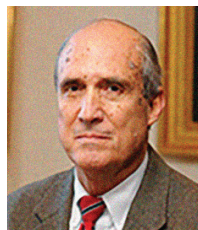
The F. Earl Ingerson Lecture honors the society's first president, who in 1955 led a group to establish an organization dedicated to the growing field of geochemistry. Ingerson's career took him to the Geophysical Laboratory at the Carnegie Institution of Washington (USA), the U.S. Geological Survey, and the University of Texas at Austin (USA). He wrote nearly 200 scientific publications, including fundamental works on petrofabric analysis and geologic thermometry, supervised the translation of a prodigious number of Russian geological publications, presented papers in Spanish in Peru and Mexico, and published papers in Portuguese on Brazilian quartz deposits. The Ingerson Lecture



is open to any geochemical topic with broad appeal. The honoree will receive waived abstract and registration fees for the conference.

The Endowed Biogeochemistry Lecture was established in 2015 by an anonymous donor in order to recognize prominent scientists who are making cutting-edge field-based measurements or laboratory measurements on field samples in biogeochemistry. The first two lectures in the series addressed the impact of declining sea ice on the Arctic Ocean ecosystem and designing an integrated theory of Earth's biogeochemical evolution. The 2018 honoree will receive waived abstract and registration fees and partial reimbursement for travel expenses.

Earlier this year, students and friends of the late Robert Berner established an annual Robert Berner Lecture to commemorate his intellectual legacy in geochemistry. The lecture is presented



on a 'Berner' subject, which includes a wide range of topics associated with elemental cycling at the Earth's surface. The lecturer is selected jointly by the Geochemical Society and the European Association of Geochemistry. Nominees should be mid-career scientists: he/she should have received their PhD at least 10 years and no more than 21 years before the conference (i.e. for Goldschmidt2018, the lecturer should have

received his/her PhD between 1997 and 2008). The 2018 honoree will receive waived abstract and registration fees and partial reimbursement for travel expenses.

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January 2**

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