



# European Association of Geochemistry



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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



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Two years have already passed since I became President of the European Association of Geochemistry (EAG) at the beginning of 2017, and I am about to pass on the EAG baton to our next president, Sigurður (Siggi) Gislason. The past president, Liane Benning, has been central in developing EAG publications. Since its launch in 2012, *Geochemical Perspectives* has achieved a remarkable five-year impact factor of 9.7, and *Geochemical Perspectives Letters*, launched three years ago, is already a highly praised letters journal that has just been accepted for inclusion

in the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE – aka, the Web of Science). The first impact factor for *Geochemical Perspectives Letters* will be available in June 2019.

Both of our publications were created by geochemists, for geochemists, and are produced in-house without any involvement from commercial publishers. One of our most important goals as a society is to make knowledge available to anyone, anywhere in the world, and our journals *Geochemical Perspectives* and *Geochemical Perspectives Letters* are both fully open access. The two publications are mostly funded from the surplus made at Goldschmidt conferences, as well as from voluntary contributions to *Geochemical Perspectives Letters* made by authors on acceptance of an article for publication. We also welcome kind donations from our readers and members, which help to keep the boat afloat.

A highlight of any president's term is, of course, the Goldschmidt conference, which is organised by the EAG every two years. The European Goldschmidt held in Paris (France) in August 2017 was the highest attended to date, with 4,500 delegates from 85 countries participating. I was particularly moved by the plenary talk given by Hélène Langevin-Joliot, the grand-daughter of Pierre and Marie Curie, in which she introduced us to the day-to-day exercise of geochemistry at its highest level in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Goldschmidt conferences are at the core of the society's activities and involve several years of planning. Organising a conference is a challenging, but very exciting, task. The preparations for the next conference, to be held in the magnificent city of Barcelona (Spain) in August 2019, are already well underway, and I am very much looking forward to attending the event.

Geochemistry is blossoming in other countries and continents, and the EAG is committed to supporting this growth through its free-to-access publications and the ongoing development of its outreach programs in Europe and Africa. Every year, our distinguished lecturers travel to under-represented regions of the world to bring scientific advances to local students and researchers. We are equally dedicated to supporting early career scientists, and several initiatives have been developed over the past few years to enhance the training opportunities for junior scientists. The EAG also continues to post job advertisements and conference listings free of charge on the website.

Behind the scenes, the day-to-day running of the EAG office is assured by the Chief Operations Officer, Marie-Aude Hulshoff, who was recently joined by Editorial and Administrative Assistant, Alice Williams. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to both Marie-Aude and Alice for their dedication and all their hard work in keeping the engine running smoothly and efficiently. I would also like to express my gratitude to Estelle Rose-Koga, who is succeeding Karim Benzerara as EAG Treasurer – not always the most desirable position on the council! The EAG is a vibrant society that relies on the tireless efforts of the volunteers who

serve on the council and on various committees. They are the ones who are willing to spare some of their precious time for the benefit of the whole community.

As president of a society like the EAG, one realises that things can only happen through the participation of so many people all working together to build a thriving community and to promote excellence in science. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve as head of the EAG family, and I have no doubt that Siggi – with his enthusiasm and humour and the fresh air he will bring in from 66 degrees north – will be a great president!

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*Tools in Biogeochemistry, 11–16 August 2019*  
*University of Tübingen (Germany)*

**Scientific Program**

The five-day short course Tools in Biogeochemistry will be **co-sponsored by the European Association of Geochemistry** and will focus on the use of cutting-edge analytical, spectroscopic and microscopic tools in environmental biogeochemistry. We will introduce the underlying principles of these techniques and discuss their applications in the fields of biogeochemistry, environmental chemistry and geomicrobiology. Opportunities for hands-on exercises in the laboratory will also be provided. Particular focus will be on organic matter and on microbe–mineral interactions in soils and sediments and their influence on toxic metals.

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- Mineral particle size, surface area and charge analysis
- Microelectrodes in biogeochemistry

**Target Group**

This course is designed for PhD students with a strong interest in biogeochemical processes (maximum of 20 participants). Presentations will be given in English by leading international experts. Price is €300, which will include lunch and five nights' accommodation. To apply, please send a CV and motivation letter to Prof. Andreas Kappler (andreas.kappler@uni-tuebingen.de) and Dr. Casey Bryce (casey.bryce@uni-tuebingen.de) by 31 January 2019.



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