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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE POLISH CLAY GROUP, KRAKÓW

The annual meeting of the Polish Clay Group took place at the AGH-University of Science and Technology, the home institution of the main organizer, Katarzyna Górniak, and gathered about 25 participants. Friday was filled with five invited lectures. Ewa Stępkowska talked about the physical and mechanical properties of clays, Jacek Długosz about clay minerals in a soil developed on acidic Poznań till, Czesław August about the clay mineral alteration products of mantle xenoliths from basalts in Lower Silesia, Zenon Kłapyta about anionic sorption by modified silicates, and Paweł Bylina about the age and mechanism of the low-temperature metamorphism of Permian volcanic rocks in the Gorzów Wielkopolski area. A poster session and dinner followed. On Saturday, a city tour devoted to building stones in the Romanesque monuments of Kraków was offered by Jan Bromowicz of the AGH-University of Science and Technology.



Zenon Kłapyta speaking at the annual meeting of the PCG in Kraków. In the background is Katarzyna Górniak, organizer of the meeting.



Grażyna Bzowska and Jan Środoń



Post-meeting city tour, devoted to the Romanesque stone monuments of Kraków, led by Jan Bromowicz (top right).

SECOND CENTRAL EUROPEAN MINERALOGICAL CONFERENCE

The 2nd Central European Mineralogical Conference (CEMC), co-organized by the Mineralogical Society of Poland, will be held September 10–14, 2008, in the beautiful countryside of Sudetes, in southwestern Poland. The organizing committee has planned a varied program covering basic research in mineralogy and its applications in petrology, geochemistry, and environmental sciences. A pre-conference workshop on powder diffraction Rietveld refinement methods will be offered (9–10 September). The workshop will consist of a combination of lectures and computer-based

practical sessions, given by John Rakovan and Olaf Borkiewicz from the Department of Geology of Miami University (Ohio, USA). A number of interesting field trips will take advantage of the superb geology, classic mineralogical localities, and beautiful scenery of Sudetes.

Detailed information on travel, accommodation, the scientific program, the workshop, and the field trips will be available shortly on the conference website. Enquiries should be sent to Maciej Manecki at gpmmanec@cyfronet.krakow.pl.

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