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60th ANNIVERSARY OPENS A NEW CHAPTER



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This is a year of milestones for the Geochemical Society (GS): the society celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2015, and the 25th Goldschmidt Conference will be held in Prague (Czech Republic) in August. It is also a time of transition. In May, the business office officially relocated from Washington University in St. Louis (Missouri, USA) to the Carnegie Institution for Science (Washington, DC). I would like to express my gratitude to outgoing Chief Operating Officer Seth Davis for his guidance and patience during my

first two months on the job. During Seth's 15-year tenure, the society experienced tremendous growth, and I'm excited to expand on the strong foundation that Seth helped to build.

The initial focus of the newly opened Washington office will be on improving operations and providing excellent service to GS's 4,000+ members. The society's strength is the diversity and dedication of its membership, and I welcome your thoughts—big or small—on ways that we can better serve the needs of the geochemical community.

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GEOCHEMICAL SOCIETY AT GSA-BALTIMORE

Thanks to strong volunteer support, there are 44 sponsored or cosponsored events by the Geochemical Society at the 2015 Geological Society of America (GSA) Annual Meeting in Baltimore (Maryland, USA) this



November. GS will again be organizing the F. Earl Ingerson Lecture, sponsoring a reception with the Mineralogical Society of America and the GSA's Mineralogy, Geochemistry, Petrology and Volcanology division, and welcoming attendees to our exhibit (Booth 1018). For more information on GS's activities at GSA-Baltimore visit: www.geochemsoc.org/programs/annual-gsa/.

MEETING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: THREE GRANTS AWARDED

The Geochemical Society Program Committee approved three Meeting Assistance Program (MAP) grants of US\$2000 each to the following: the Gordon Research Seminar and Conference on the Interior of the Earth: Surface Connections, held 7–12 June 2015, in South Hadley (Massachusetts, USA); the Gordon Research Seminar and Conference on Chemical Oceanography, held 26–31 July 2015, in Holderness (New Hampshire, USA); and the Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry Short Course: Pore Scale Geochemical Processes, held 15–16 August 2015, in Prague (Czech Republic). Applications for the next round of funding are due by 30 September 2015. To learn more about the program or submit an application, visit www.geochemsoc.org/programs/meetingassistanceprogram/.

2016 AWARD NOMINATIONS

Geochemists want and need recognition for their work. Awards help to inspire individuals to do their best. Awards set the bar for others to match or exceed. Your participation in the awards program by being a nominator or by writing a supporting letter of recommendation not only benefits the nominee, it benefits the whole geochemical community. Please take the time to highlight the accomplishments of your valued colleagues by nominating them. With your help, we can ensure that the award committees have a diverse and deserving pool of candidates. For more information and to download the nomination form visit www.geochemsoc.org/awards/makeanomination. The nomination deadline is **31 October 2015**.



The V.M. Goldschmidt Medal is awarded for major achievements in geochemistry or cosmochemistry, consisting either of a single outstanding contribution or a series of publications that have had great influence in these fields.



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The C.C. Patterson Medal is awarded for a recent innovative breakthrough of fundamental significance in environmental geochemistry, published in a peer-reviewed journal.



The Alfred Treibs Medal is awarded by the Organic Geochemistry Division for major achievements in organic geochemistry over a period of years.



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