

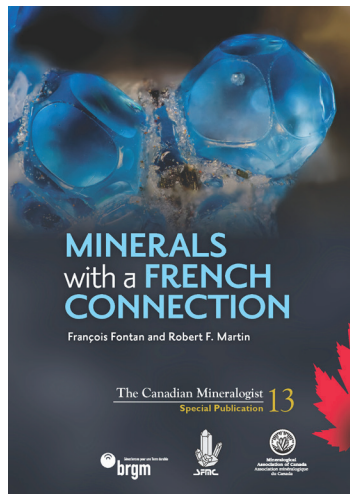


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MINERALS WITH A FRENCH CONNECTION

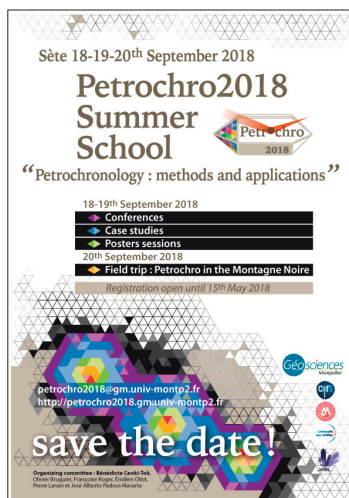
The beautiful book *Minerals with a French Connection*, co-authored by our late colleague François Fontan (Toulouse, France) and by Robert F. Martin (Montréal, Canada), is now available at www.sfmc-fr.org (for Europe and Africa) and at www.mineralogicalassociation.ca (for the rest of the world). This book accurately and comprehensively describes how past and contemporary French scientists have contributed to making France the birthplace of mineralogy and crystallography and are keeping its vitality very much going, especially with regard to the mineralogical richness of the French territories. This French-Canadian co-production is an illustrated inventory of mineral species discovered in France or that are named in tribute to French citizens. The book also describes the properties and geological context of the minerals' type localities. *Minerals with a French Connection* is an invitation to fabulous and unusual travel throughout the history of sciences.



The book was published in 2017 by TVA Inc, costs €72.00, has 588 pages, and the ISBN is 978-2-903589-08-0 or 978-0-921294-59-7.

PETROCHRO2018 SUMMER SCHOOL

The CNRS thematic workshop Petrochro2018 Summer School will be held 18–20 September 2018 in Sète (France). Petrochronology is a branch of geology that offers insights into such topics as geochemistry, petrography, and thermodynamics by integrating the information about timing and rates of geological processes that are contained in accessory minerals and which places all this into a rock's wider petrogenetic context. The aim of this summer school is to review petrochronological tools (both theoretical and analytical) in order to illustrate how accessory minerals can be used to improve our understanding of magmatic and metamorphic processes. The SFMC will offer several grants to PhD students who wish to attend this event. More information, and registration details, are available at <http://petrochro2018.gm.univ-montp2.fr>.



FIRST WORKSHOP OF THE FRENCH CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GEOLOGY ASSOCIATION

The French chapter of the International Medical Geology Association (IMGA) held its first workshop 29–30 March 2018, in the gorgeous location that is Les Pensières of the Mérieux Foundation on the shore of Lake Annecy (Haute-Savoie, France). About 50 scientists gathered to share their most recent work at the interface between the Earth sciences and medical science to provide a clearer picture of the dynamism of this growing community. The topics that were covered included the development of new isotopic markers for the early detection of cancers and neurodegenerative diseases, a geo-medical perspective on human exposure to nanoparticles and heavy metals, and the application of spectromicroscopy techniques to characterize altered tissues.



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