



European Association of Geochemistry



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PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL: SIGURÐUR REYNIR GÍSLASON



It has been challenging, but very enjoyable, to be the president of the European Association of Geochemistry (EAG) for the last two years. It's also been fun because of all the talented people I have worked with. We call them "doers": they get things done. It takes 400 volunteers to run the EAG's main activities (FIGURE 1). Every year, about 10% of our members carry out volunteer work for their society, and they do it all in close collaboration with Marie-Aude Hulshoff, our

Chief Operating Officer, and Alice Williams, Programmes and Membership Manager. Many thanks to all of you for your good work.

The main tasks of the EAG are running the Goldschmidt Conference in Europe during the odd-numbered years and publishing two open-access community journals: *Geochemical Perspectives Letters* (GPL) and *Geochemical Perspectives* (GP). There are no open access or publication charges, and all costs are covered by the EAG and voluntary donations. We are very proud of our journals; the 2019 impact factor of GPL is 4.45, that for GP is 3.75. For comparison, *Chemical Geology's* impact factor is 3.36 and *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta's* impact factor is 4.66. We are very grateful to the editors, reviewers, and authors for their excellent work, and I encourage all of you to send your best work to GPL.

We ran a very successful Goldschmidt2019 in Barcelona (Spain), with excellent science and social programs taking place in an exceptionally pleasant environment. We have seldom seen reviews as positive as those received from the 4,000 attendees. This was the first Goldschmidt where we had to collect value added tax (VAT) on registration fees and pass it all on to the Spanish tax authorities. Hence, we made huge efforts to save every penny while not affecting the quality of the conference. And it worked! However, VAT regulations will have an impact on where we run Goldschmidt in the future, and, currently, France is the only country in Europe where we do not have to collect VAT on registration fees.

EAG Activities

- Goldschmidt Conferences in Europe
- Two open access community journals: *Geochemical Perspectives Letters* and *Geochemical Perspectives* + Participation in the journal *Elements*
- Recognition of scientific excellence through awards
- Support of early career scientists to attend geochemistry conferences / short courses
- Outreach Programs in Eastern Europe and Africa
- Partnership with 15 scientific societies providing benefits to each other's members
- Communication (job postings, newsletters, social media, blog) and networking
- New: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group

Only six months after Goldschmidt2019, the coronavirus was on the move. The Geochemical Society was faced with huge uncertainty, having to decide whether to run a physical or virtual Goldschmidt2020. But they managed to pull it off and successfully ran the first virtual Goldschmidt Conference. Of course, we all miss each other, and virtual conferences will never be the same as physical ones. And now, as we ride through the second wave of the coronavirus in Europe (in October 2020, as I write), EAG is facing the same dilemma for Goldschmidt2021. Whatever decision is made, we will do our best to produce an excellent

Goldschmidt Conference, and it is crucial that as many of us as possible take part, whether it be physical or virtual, so as to ensure that future Goldschmidt conferences can still take place.

The EAG has continued to work closely with the Geochemical Society (GS) in running the Goldschmidt conferences, but our collaboration reaches well beyond Goldschmidt. We co-run the EAG-GS Outreach Program in Africa. The newly established diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) working groups of both societies work carefully together, as do the award committees. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the past and present GS presidents Roberta Rudnick and Vickie Bennett, and past and future EAG presidents Bernard Marty and Derek Vance for their hard work and pleasant collaborations. I know that Derek Vance will be an excellent EAG president for the next two years and that the society is in very good hands.

Sigurður Reynir Gíslason

TRIBUTE TO DR. R.K. "BOB" BRITTON, 1938–2020, EAG CARTOONIST

We are very sad to announce the passing of Bob Britton, who, with friend Rob Raiswell, co-created the much-loved EAG cartoons. Below, Rob shares a few words in tribute.



Bob Britton

"Bob would be best known to readers as one half of the R & B duo that produced the cartoons appearing in *Elements* since 2012. Bob was a polymath. His academic reputation was in Spanish literature and he published highly rated texts on Don Quixote and the poet Cesar Vallejo. In this capacity he lectured part-time for the Department of Hispanic Studies at Sheffield University (UK). He also authored books for young people, notably the fantasy '*Crow and the Troll of Ogleby on Dunnett*'. He was heavily involved in Dearne Media Group C.I.C, a TV and video company which dealt with social and educational issues in Barnsley (UK), a community emerging from the coal mine closures of the 1980s. Our paths first crossed as colleagues at the University of East Anglia (UK) and continued as he moved to become Bursar at the Northern College (Wentworth, South Yorkshire) and when I later moved to the University of Leeds (UK). We shared an offbeat and irreverent sense of humour which came to the fore over lunchtime beers during which our cartoon ideas were explored. Thank you, Bob, a life well lived and valued all who shared in it."

Visit <https://www.eag.eu.com/comic-relief/> to view all the R & B cartoons.





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