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The past one-and-a-half years living with the SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19) and without having in-person meetings are now almost over. It has been a challenge. But, as an upside, we have improved our video conferencing techniques for meetings, particularly in offering ways by which our younger

generation can have intensive discussions with scientists in our interdisciplinary clay world.

The AIPEA is striving to serve clay societies in these hard times by establishing an early career clay scientists (ECCS) network for scientists within 5 years of completion of their PhD. We also serve the National Clay Groups by offering them a free-of-charge website in English: good examples of which are the Israeli Society for Clay Research (https://israel.aipea.org/) and the Clay Science Society of Japan (CSSJ) (https://japan.aipea.org/). After a secret vote, members supported to legally register AIPEA as a non-profit society, and this process was finished in 2020, making AIPEA a registered society based in Spain.

*Computational Mineralogy in Clays* is the third volume in the AIPEA Educational Series (AES). This follows volume 1 (*Interstratified Clay Minerals*) and volume 2 (*Magnesian Clays*). The organization of the chapters in volume 3 follow the didactic approach of the 3<sup>rd</sup> AIPEA School for Young Scientists (ASYS) convened 15–16 July 2017 at the Andalusian Institute of Earth Sciences (CSIC-UGR, Granada, Spain). The book can be downloaded free of charge at https://aipea.org/ publications/.



News on Conferences and Field Trips on Clay Minerals Around the World is Available at www.aipea.org.

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**Peter Komadel** was an internationally distinguished clay scientist who passed away peacefully on 27 February 2021 in Bratislava (Slovakia) at the age of 65. Peter was widely recognized and greatly appreciated in the international clay research community because of his scientific contributions and friendly personality. He will forever be remembered as an outstanding scientist and researcher,

but above all as a principled and kind man. Many people still remember when they met Peter for the first time. The AIPEA expresses its gratitude for Peter Komadel's warm cooperation and his clear views, particularly on international cooperation and the needs of young researchers.

The 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Clay Science Society of Japan (CSSJ) has been rescheduled for September 2021. The CSSJ did, however, hold elections for officers and announce award winners. Those elected included Toshihiro Kogure (President), Masaharu Nakagawa and Hiroyuki Chino (Vice Presidents), and Tsutomu Sato (Secretary). The Clay Science Society of Japan Award was given to K. Tamura; the Achievement Award to S. Wada; the Astec Co., Ltd. Young Researcher Award to H. Mukai; and the Best Technological Award to Hazama Ando Corporation. Best Paper Awards were given to J. Kemi et al. (*Clay Science* 23: 31-39) and M. Okawara et al. (*Clay Science* 23: 19-24). The Young Student Award went to K. Arakawa.



The Nordic Clay Meeting was held 8–10 February 2021 and was organized by the Latvian Clay Science Society. It was convened online and was attended by 40 delegates; the book of abstracts and program, and details on the plenary speakers and organizers, can be found on the conference website (https://www.latclay.lv/konferences/nordic-clay-meeting-2021/). This was the first known meeting of the Nordic group since 2001, and we hope that the 2021 conference inspires regular cooperation and exchange among Nordic scientists involved with clay mineral studies.



It is time to start making plans for the 17<sup>th</sup> International Clay Conference in Istanbul (Turkey) in July 2022! This meeting will have over 30 thematic sessions, plus field trips, workshops, and tours. We look forward to seeing you there.

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