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The Association Internationale pour l'Étude des Argiles (AIPEA) has established an Early Career Clay Scientists (ECCS) network for scientists within 5 years of completion of their PhD. The aim of the ECCS is to create meaningful networking opportunities for early career clay scientists to foster international collaboration, to exchange cutting-edge research achievements, and to contribute to intergenerational knowledge transfer in the field of clay sciences.

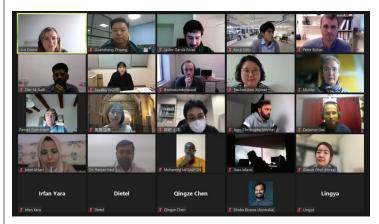


Liva Dzene, Chair of the AIPEA Early Career Clay Scientists Committee

One of the first activities of the ECCS Committee was to establish Early Career Research Grant and Travel Grant guidelines. The Early Career Travel Grant provides funding for ECCS to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> International Clay Conference (ICC), which will be held July 2022 in Istanbul (Turkey). The Early Career Research Grant provides financial support in the form of seed money to assist early career researchers (post-doc, assistant professor, or lecturer) of clay science and technology to explore a proof of concept or to fund areas of an ongoing project that were not included in the original project scope. It should allow recipients

to support future applications to national or regional research funding bodies. The AIPEA will award two grants in a period of 4 years (i.e., from one ICC to the next ICC). Application guidelines and application forms of both new grants are available at the aipea.org website.

On 3 December 2021, the first National Clay Group ECCS representative meeting was held to launch the network. The ongoing work focuses on preparing activities specifically tailored for ECCS during the ICC in Istanbul. In the future, the ECCS network plans to focus on developing a strategy for the effective communication of new research achievements using social networks.





We all invite you to come to the 17<sup>th</sup> International Clay Conference in Istanbul in July 2022, with >30 thematic sessions. Along with field trips, this ICC also offers three workshops: an AIPEA School of Young Scientists workshop focused on kaolin, a CMS workshop on bentonite characterization, and an AIPEA workshop on clay mineral catalysis of organic reactions.

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