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FROM THE SIMP PRESIDENT



On behalf of the Council of the Italian Society of Mineralogy and Petrology (SIMP), I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to former president Daniele Castelli for serving the SIMP. I am confident that he will continue to support our community as the other former presidents have done. I also trust in his support and assistance during my tenure.

Special thanks also go to the president's office staff. To Sabrina Nazzareni who ends her role as secretary after several years and to the current treasurer Nadia Malaspina who will continue as the secretary of the SIMP.

Welcome to the new members of the SIMP Council. Paolo Mazzoleni is the new vice president. Donato Belmonte is the new treasurer. We also have three newly elected councilors: Paolo Lotti, Mara Murri, and Rosalda Punturo. These individuals—along with Matteo Alvaro, Omar Bartoli and Pietro Marescotti—form the SIMP Council together with the presidents of the SIMP informal groups: Fernando Camara (National Group of Mineralogy; GNM), Elisabetta Rampone (National Group of Petrography; GNP), and Elena Belluso (National Group for Georesources, Environment, and Cultural Heritage; GABEC). Thanks to the auditors Lorenzo Fedele, Alberto Renzulli, and Alessio Langella and to our former councillors Alessandra Montanini, Giovanni Andreozzi, and Mariano Mercurio.

With its new management, the SIMP will continue to pursue and support scientific activities in Italy and abroad through conferences, schools, and seminars and through the activities of its committees. Among the many initiatives, I want to highlight the distinguished lectures, which see brilliant researchers from the SIMP and the Italian Geological Society (SGI) engaged in the dissemination of geological sciences. The SIMP also promotes outreach and educational activities

such as schools, workshops, and seminars, which are listed on the SIMP website (www.socminpet.it) and Facebook (@socminpet.it). Together with other Italian scientific societies, the SIMP also supports the “#IOGEOLOGO” campaign (www.iogeologo.it) that is aimed at promoting the geosciences to families and high school students in order to stimulate and encourage enrollment in university geoscience degree programs. I also bring to your attention the SIMP–AIC joint publication “The Crystals Issue”, a *Comics & Science* special issue. Notably, 2022 is the International Year of Mineralogy. This is a perfect time to promote our science to our students, colleagues, and the broader community.



The last two years have been particularly challenging due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced most of us to minimize contact in person and take refuge in online meetings. However, the activities of the SIMP have not stopped! For example, several schools and conferences, such as our SIMP conference associated with EMC2020 held 29 August to 3 September 2021, were successfully held online and many SIMP members participated. Hopefully, the next joint SIMP–SGI conference (“Geosciences for a Sustainable Future”; <https://www.geoscienze.org/torino2022/>) will be held in person in Turin (Italy) on 19–21 September 2022.



Finally, I would like to thank all members for giving me the opportunity to serve the SIMP and I trust that their support will be essential in the further growth of our Society.

Francesco Princivalle (University of Trieste)

MINEWA: MINERALS AND WASTE, AN ANTHROPOCENE TALE

Bardonecchia (Torino, Italy), 20–24 June 2022

An international EMU–SIMP school on mineral constituents of wastes, their characterization, recovery, and management.

<http://minewa2021.it/index.php/>

Registration begins 1 February 2022

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Topics

1. “Waste and Minerals, an Overlooked Connection”
2. “What is Waste, and How We Manage It”
3. “Thermodynamics and Kinetics of HT Processes”
4. “Mineralogy of Industrial Processes at High Temperature”
5. “Low-Temperature Geochemistry”
6. “The Geological Significance of Novel Anthropogenic Materials: Deposits of Industrial Waste and By-Products”
7. “Bio-Mineral Interactions”
8. “Urban Metabolism”
9. “Bottom Ash from Incineration: Production, Characterisation, and Potential for Recycling”
10. “Metal Recycling”
11. “Metallurgical Slags”
12. “Construction and Demolition Waste Description and Recovery”
13. “Waste Recycling in Silicate Ceramics: Feasibility and Effects”
14. “Mineral Tailings”
15. “Waste, Incineration, Environment and Sanitary Issues: Are Really at Odds?”
16. “A Global Strategy for Waste Management”