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IAG BOOTH AT EWLA 2-5 JULY 2024, GHENT, BELGIUM

IAG Council members were present in force at the recent European Workshop on Laser Ablation (EWLA) held at the University of Ghent, Belgium in July (<https://ewla2024.ugent.be/>); the IAG had a booth and was a bronze sponsor of the event. Nearly 200 delegates were treated to a mixture of talks from legends in the field of LA-ICP-MS, such as Detlef Günther (ETH Zürich) and Tak Hirata (University of Tokyo), alongside some impressive research by relative newcomers. Frank Vanhaecke and Thibaut Van Acker, and their team, are to be congratulated in organising a stimulating series of talks and posters, in a very convivial atmosphere with plenty of opportunity for networking, which is so important at these meetings. One of the social highlights was a boat trip on the canals around the historic buildings of Ghent with a knowledgeable and entertaining guide, before disembarking at St Peter's Abbey for a Belgian evening. Belgium has a reputation for good food and beer, and we were not disappointed!



IAG booth at EWLA.

On a personal note, it gave me great satisfaction to see how this series of workshops has developed and expanded from the first one that I and Simon Chenery organised 30 years ago at the British Geological Survey, in Keyworth, Nottingham in 1994, when the technique was very much in its infancy. From such small seeds ...

Jenny Cook, IAG Secretary

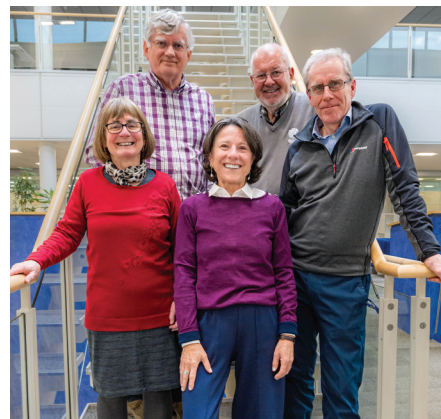
NEW CRM – MEISSEN GRANITE

Meissen Granite (IAG GMN-1) is a leucomonzogranite from the Meissen Massif in Germany. It is certified for 9 major oxides and 39 trace element mass fractions according to the IAG's certification protocol based on assigned values derived from results submitted to round 51 of the IAG's GeoPT proficiency testing programme. Information values are also provided for 1 major oxide and 8 trace element mass fractions. A full description of the application of the IAG's protocol to the certification of IAG GMN-1 is available in Potts et al. (2024), *Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research*, doi.org/10.1111/ggr.12553. The Meissen Granite is available in units of 100 g from IAGeo Limited (see iageo.com for further details).



IAG PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

At the IAG Council's April meeting in Oxford, our President Prof Jacinta Enzweiler revealed that, with the endorsement of several previous IAG Presidents, she felt it appropriate to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of four people who had worked tirelessly behind the scenes for the Association over many decades. The inscription on the reverse of the medal reads "For exceptional service" and this is undoubtedly true of all four recipients: Jenny Cook (IAG Secretary), Chris Jackson



(IAG Treasurer), Peter Webb (GeoPT Steering Committee), and Ed Williams (Managing Editor, *Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research*). Prof Enzweiler will give a citation of their individual contributions at the IAG General Meeting in Wuhan, China on 18 September and these will be made available on the IAG website (geoanalyst.org).

IAG President Prof Jacinta Enzweiler (FRONT CENTRE) with the four recipients of the IAG President's Medal: Jenny Cook (FRONT LEFT), Peter Webb (BACK LEFT), Chris Jackson (BACK RIGHT), and Ed Williams (FRONT RIGHT).



IAG President's Medal.

NEW IAG AWARD FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

In addition to its ongoing Early Career Researcher Award, the IAG has launched a new Early Career Scientist Award aimed at supporting scientists in less prosperous countries who have limited access to state-of-the-art analytical facilities. The overarching goal of this award is to provide opportunities for such scientists to establish, develop, and build relationships in the greater scientific community and leverage access to advanced instrumentation, sample collection procedures, and use of reference materials.

We are looking for research proposals that advance key areas of geoanalysis, such as the development and validation of new geoanalytical methods, the characterisation of new geochemical reference materials, or other research supporting IAG goals and initiatives.

This award consists of a monetary award of up to US\$6,000 (based on the scope of a proposed research project), support for travel to a conference or collaborating institute, and an 18-month free IAG membership. Candidates must be studying for a master's or doctorate degree or be within three years of receiving such a degree, and the author of at least one scientific product, presentation or publication, having conducted most of the research work for it.

More details about the award and how to apply can be found on the IAG website at <http://www.geoanalyst.org/early-career-researcher-award/>. The deadline for nominations and applications is **31 October 2024**.