



International Association of GeoChemistry

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear IAGC Members,

As I conclude my term as President of the IAGC, I would like to express that it has been a gratifying and, in many ways, a proud experience to fulfill these responsibilities over the past two years and to represent each and every one of you on the various instances in which the IAGC participates.

I would also like to extend my warmest and most sincere thanks to all the colleagues involved in the governance of the IAGC. This governance is an example of effective collegial governance, respectful of everyone, which functions remarkably well thanks to ongoing exchanges between its members and with the support of the IAGC Council. This efficiency is largely due to the involvement of each member, in particular of Orfan Shouakar-Stash, IAGC Secretary, who spares no time or effort to ensure the success of the association. He will commence a second term in January 2025, and we are deeply appreciative of his willingness to continue in this pivotal role. I also want to thank Devin Smith, the Business Office Manager, who will be leaving at the end of December for a new job. We extend our best wishes for her future endeavors and thank her for her invaluable contributions over the past two years.

Created in 1967, the IAGC encourages cooperation and the advancement of geochemistry throughout the world, while promoting scientific activities through working groups with relatively focused thematic contour and supporting associated scientific meetings. This choice is certainly one of IAGC's distinctive features compared with the two other international geochemical societies, the Geochemical Society and the European Association for Geochemistry (EAG), which both are responsible for organizing the Goldschmidt Conference.

In view of the significant changes in our methods of communication and collaboration over the past few decades, and recognizing the imperative need to minimize the environmental impact of our research activities—which implies a reduction in air travel—it became evident that combining the meetings of these working groups into a more limited number of joint meetings was a sensible approach. This led to the establishment of the IAGC conference, with the first held in Tomsk, Russia, in 2019 and the second in Sendai, Japan, in 2023. These two conferences successfully merged the Isotope Applied Geochemistry and Water-Rock Interaction working group meetings. This new format has proven ideal for maintaining a strong scientific focus, while simultaneously allowing for wider participation, resulting in more numerous and richer interactions and exchanges among participants. Given the success of these conferences, we have proposed to expand the 3rd IAGC conference, scheduled to be held in Cagliari, Italy, in June 2025, to include the two other IAGC working groups: Geochemistry of the Earth's Surface (GES) and Urban Geochemistry. We are confident that, considering the themes of these groups, this format will uphold the philosophy of the IAGC conferences, while enhancing their impact. We invite you to participate widely and encourage doctoral and post-doctoral students from your units to attend. We look forward to receiving your feedback on these new formats.

Over the past two years, we have also slightly reorganized the editorial board of Applied Geochemistry, the IAGC journal. The journal's impact has significantly increased in recent years, thanks to the implications of successive editors, Michael Kersten and Zimeng Wang. On behalf of the IAGC, I would like to thank them most sincerely for their dedication and commitment to the community. Given these developments, in terms of scientific themes and submission volume, and to reflect the diversity of its readership, we felt it appropriate to expand the editorial board to include several co-executive editors. We believe that a

collegial approach, involving initially two and eventually three or four co-executive editors, will enhance and strengthen the journal's scientific diversity and influence. On behalf of the IAGC, I am delighted to congratulate Elisa Sacchi on her appointment as co-executive editor of Applied Geochemistry, effective January 1, 2025, alongside Zimeng Wang, who will continue in this role.

I am confident that the structural changes we are implementing through these various initiatives will bolster the IAGC's position and significance at the international level. Future developments will certainly need to be considered to account for changes in our business lines and scientific themes. We will likely need to rethink the structure and operations of the IAGC's working groups to keep pace with these changes, as well as the substantial growth of our scientific community over the last 40 years.

I have no doubt that these developments will occur naturally and smoothly, thanks to the remarkable governance of the IAGC, which I have appreciated as president. Of course, this will also require the involvement of every IAGC member, including you, to keep this association vibrant. As for me, I will continue to serve as past president alongside Elisa Sacchi for the next two years and will continue to promote the IAGC's actions and missions to the best of my ability. We are counting on each and every one of you to get involved with us at IAGC, in our working groups and governance bodies. Thank you in advance!

François Chabaux

IAGC (2023–24) President

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THE 3rd IAGC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Save the Date!



The 3rd IAGC International Conference will be held in Cagliari, Italy on 16–21 June, 2025. This meeting will include the 18th Water-Rock Interaction Working Group Meeting (WRI-18), the 15th Applied Isotope Geochemistry Working Group Meeting (AIG-15), 13th Geochemistry of the Earth's Surface (GES-13), Urban Geochemistry sessions, and a celebration of the 20th Anniversary of *Elements Magazine*. Registration is open! Register by March 15th at the Early Bird rate. Visit <https://sites.unica.it/wri-18/> to learn more.