



International Mineralogical Association

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MESSAGE FROM THE IMA PRESIDENT

I would like to express our sincere greetings from the International Mineralogical Association (IMA) and introduce our new leadership with Eiji Ohtani (Tohoku University, Japan) as President (FIG. 1), Nancy Ross (Virginia Tech, USA) who was elected at the EMC 2024 in Dublin as 1st Vice President, Xiancai Lu (Nanjing University, China) as 2nd Vice President, and Hans-Peter Schertl (Ruhr-University, Bochum,

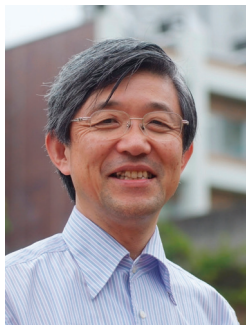


FIGURE 1 Eiji Ohtani (President of IMA)

Germany) as Past President. We would like to continue our work with you and colleagues from your societies to promote the mineralogical sciences worldwide. Since face-to-face meetings have been resumed after COVID-19, we look forward to renewing our cooperation and communication with you.

The members of the new IMA council are listed in TABLE 1. In addition to Nancy Ross, several new Council members were elected by voting at the IMA business meeting held during EMC 2024. Encarnación Ruiz Agudo (Spain) and Vincent van Hinsberg (Canada) were elected to a 4-year term as Councilors. Hiroaki Ohfuji (Japan), who was a previous Councilor, was elected as the new Secretary.

Travis Olds (USA) and Ross Angel (Italy) were approved for another 4 years as Treasurer and Councilor, respectively. The new Council board shows regional and gender diversity, which is essential to promote the current and future mineralogical sciences. I also appreciate Catherine McCammon, Anfuai Lu, and Sylvie Demouchy who completed their IMA service.

IMA was very active at EMC Dublin, as session conveners, participants, and as organizer of various Council and Business meetings. I deeply appreciate the work of the host organizer of the meeting, the Mineralogical Society of the UK and Ireland, and especially, Prof. Kevin Murphy and the members of the local organizing committee, and Prof. David Chew and Dr. Emma Tomlinson at Trinity College, Dublin.



FIGURE 2 The IMA medal was presented to Patricia Dove from Hans-Peter Schertl.

Highlights of the meeting for IMA were the plenary lecture by Professor Patricia Dove, the IMA medal winner in 2023, and the award ceremony of the IMA medal (FIG. 2). Patricia presented a very insightful and stimulating review of her life work on bio-mineralization. At the closing

ceremony of the EMC 2024 meeting, the “Steering Wheel of Presidency” of the IMA leadership was passed from Hans-Peter Schertl to Eiji Ohtani (FIGS. 3 and 4).

The year 2026 will be very important for us because the 24th IMA General Meeting will be held in Nanjing, China. We would be very happy if you and your society members could participate in this important meeting for our community, and refresh our cooperation. Please consider submitting session proposals to make the IMA 2026 General

TABLE 1 LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE NEW IMA COUNCIL

Position	Name (Country), End of Term
PRESIDENT	Eiji Ohtani (Japan), 2026
PAST PRESIDENT	Hans-Peter Schertl (Germany), 2026
1 ST VICE PRESIDENT	Nancy Ross (USA), 2026
2 ND VICE PRESIDENT	Xiancai Lu (China), 2026
SECRETARY	Hiroaki Ohfuji (Japan), 2028
TREASURER	Travis Olds (USA), 2028
COMMUNICATION OFFICER	Michele Zema (Italy), 2026
COUNCILORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ross Angel (Italy), 2028 ▪ Vincent van Hinsberg (Canada), 2028 ▪ Encarnación Ruiz Agudo (Spain), 2028 ▪ Dshentree Chetty (South Africa), 2026 ▪ Shaunna Morrison (USA), 2026



FIGURE 3 Handover of the Steering Wheel of IMA Presidency from Hans-Peter Schertl (Past President) to Eiji Ohtani (President).



FIGURE 4 Closing ceremony of the EMC 2024 meeting.

Assembly in Nanjing exciting and rewarding for all who attend. The 2nd Vice President Xiancai Lu recently introduced important deadlines for the session proposals and abstract submission:

- Session proposal deadline: August 31, 2025 (open from April 1 to August 31, 2025);
- Abstract submission deadline: March 1, 2026 (the submission window should open on October 15, 2025)

Opening of the IMA General Assembly will be August 20, 2026. Further details are given on the website of IMA 2026 General Assembly in Nanjing (<http://ima2026.nju.edu.cn>). The IMA initiated a PhD Student Award program a few years ago for supporting 3–5 students to attend this meeting. Please share this opportunity within your local community. We are looking forward to meeting you in Nanjing in August 2026.

Eiji Ohtani, President of IMA