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## THE 3<sup>rd</sup> IAGC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



### Save the Date!

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

## IAGC GOVERNANCE & COUNCIL NEWS

Special recognition goes to Neus Otero (University of Barcelona, Spain) for her valuable leadership and dedication to the IAGC. Neus began her service as Vice President in 2017 and served two terms as President between 2019 and 2022, during which she guided the organization through significant milestones. For the past two years, she has continued to contribute her insights and experience as Past President.

We also extend our deepest gratitude to W. Berry Lyons (The Ohio State University, USA) for his exceptional service as Treasurer since 2008. Over his 17 years of service, Berry has been a cornerstone of the IAGC's leadership, providing financial stewardship and wise guidance that have shaped the organization's direction and priorities.

We would also like to sincerely thank Dr. Devin Smith (formerly at The Ohio State University, USA) for her exceptional contributions as the IAGC Business Office Manager. Although her tenure spanned just two years, Dr. Smith left an enduring mark on the organization through her remarkable professionalism and dedication.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the departing members of the IAGC council for their dedicated service and invaluable contributions to the organization. Sergey Alexeev (Russia), Dirk Kirste (Canada), Huaming Guo (China), and Elisabeth Widom (USA) have each played important roles in supporting the continuation and advancement of IAGC's mission.

We are pleased to announce several new positions. **Elisa Sacchi** began her roles as IAGC President and Co-Executive Editor of *Applied Geochemistry* in January 2025! Dr. Sacchi has been at the University of Pavia as a researcher since 2002, and as associate professor since 2015.

**Dr. Avner Vengosh** began serving as IAGC Vice President in January 2025. He is a Distinguished Professor of Environmental Quality at Duke University (USA) and the Chair of the Division of Earth and Climate Sciences at the Nicholas School of the Environment.

**Dr. Elisabeth Widom** began her role as IAGC Treasurer in January 2025. She is the Janet & Elliott Baines Professor in the Department of Geology & Environmental Earth Science at Miami University, Ohio (USA) and has been on the faculty at Miami University for 28 years.

**Dave Kuentz** began his role as IAGC Business Office Manager in January 2025. He has served as the Isotope Geochemistry Lab Manager in the Department of Geology & Environmental Earth Science at Miami University, Ohio (USA) for the past 19 years.

### *The IAGC community also welcomes several incoming Council Members*

**Daniele L. Pinti** is a noble gas isotope geochemist, and director of Geotop—one of the largest geoscience research centers in Canada—and full professor at the Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Department of the Université du Québec à Montréal.

**Jiubin Chen** is a professor at the School of Earth-System Science (SESS), Tianjin University (China).

**Alexis Navarre-Sitchler** is a professor and Department Head in Geology and Geological Engineering at the Colorado School of Mines, USA.

**Viviana Re** is an interdisciplinary water scientist specializing in socio-hydrogeology. She is an associate professor at the Earth Science department of Pisa University (Italy).

**Chen Zhu** is a professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at Indiana University, USA. Zhu will also head the Geochemistry of the Earth's Surface (GES) Working Group as the Chair.

**Berry Lyons**, School of Earth Sciences at The Ohio State University (USA), served as the IAGC Treasurer from 2008–2024. Lyons will head the Urban Geochemistry Working Group as the interim Chair.

### *GES Working Group*

**Alan Fryar** is a professor of Earth and environmental sciences at the University of Kentucky (USA), where he has been a faculty member since 1995.

**Franziska M. Stamm** holds a position as senior researcher at the Institute of Applied Geosciences at Graz University of Technology in Austria.

**Joel Brugger**, formerly of the South Australian Museum and the University of Adelaide, in 2014 took a new chair position in Synchrotron Geosciences at Monash University (all in Australia).

**Sophie Opfergelt** is FNRS Senior Research Associate at the Earth and Life Institute and Professor at the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering at UCLouvain, in Belgium.

As always, the IAGC's growth and impact would not be possible without the dedication of our members. Thank you for your continuing to support the IAGC!