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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear members of the DMG and colleagues,

This year the DMG can look back on two successful meetings. The MAPT congress in Edinburgh was a joint meeting of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland, the Société Française de Minéralogie et de Cristallographie, and the DMG. We are very grateful to our British colleagues for the organization of this meeting, which brought together about 200 mineralogists from all over Europe. By common consensus, we will continue to pursue the organization of such international joint meetings.

The annual DMG meeting in Halle, Germany, attracted about 300 scientists. The focus of this meeting was on topics in applied and environmental mineralogy, ore mineralogy, and archaeology. At the general assembly of the DMG, we agreed to compile a new electronic membership catalog and to establish an optional double membership with the Geologische Vereinigung. In a ceremonial session, we honored the three winners of the 2009 DMG awards. On behalf of the DMG, I congratulate and thank the local team in Halle for their excellent organization of the meeting. I already look forward to the 2010 annual meeting in Münster, where I hope to meet you again.

Falko Langenhorst, President

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2010 DMG AWARDS

The **Abraham-Gottlob-Werner Medal** is the highest honor of the German Mineralogical Society. It is given in recognition of outstanding mineralogical research (in Silver) or the promotion of the mineralogical sciences (in Gold).

The **Georg-Agricola Medal in Bronze** recognizes outstanding achievements in the field of technical and applied mineralogy.

The **Victor-Moritz-Goldschmidt Award** is given to honor outstanding young researchers. Candidates should normally be members of the DMG and younger than 39 years.

Nominations for the DMG awards should include the curriculum vitae and publications list of the candidate, as well as a cover letter outlining the candidate's qualifications. Further information on the nomination requirements are on the DMG home page, www.dmg-home.de. Please submit your nominations by February 19, 2010, to Falko Langenhorst, Bayerisches Geoinstitut, University of Bayreuth, D-95440 Bayreuth, Germany; e-mail: falko.langenhorst@uni-bayreuth.de.

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Mountains." Sixty participants from Albania, Austria, Egypt, Ireland, Slovakia, and Poland presented their research in 24 oral presentations (including eight invited lectures), 24 posters, and 5 field sessions, covering broad aspects of geochemistry, petrology, mineralogy, and environmental geology.

Four geological field trips were offered: (1) "Geochemical studies in environmental monitoring and assessment – examples from the Holy Cross Mts.," which focused on pyrite oxi-

dation and acid water formation (leaders: Z.M. Migaszewski, A. Gałuszka, A. Michalik, S. Dołęgowska), (2) "Magmatism and metamorphism in the Holy Cross Mts." (leaders: Ł. Karwowski, R. Włodyka, S. Salwa, W. Trela, K. Szopa), (3) "Specific sediments for selected Paleozoic successions" (leaders: L. Marynowski, M. Racka), and (4) "Deposits of clay minerals and geotouristic aspects of the Holy Cross Mts." (leaders: J. Szajn, Ł. Karwowski, J. Ciesielczuk, K. Szopa).

Abstracts and field trip guides were published in *Mineralogia – Special Papers*, volume 35, available at www.ptmin.agh.edu.pl/.

During the conference, the assembly of members of the MSP elected Marek Awdankiewicz as the new leader of the Petrology Group and Zdzisław M. Migaszewski as the leader of the Geochemistry Group. Thanks to participants, invited speakers, and organizers, the three-day conference was a significant scientific event.

Justyna Ciesielczuk, Łukasz Karwowski, Krzysztof Szopa

DMG AWARDEES IN 2009

Abraham-Gottlob-Werner Medal in Silver to ANDREW PUTNIS



The recipient of the Werner Medal in Silver is Andrew Putnis from the University of Münster. Andrew is honored for his outstanding scientific achievements in the fields of phase transformations in minerals (displacive and order-disorder transformations, exsolution) and mineral-surface science (crystal growth and dissolution, coupled dissolution-precipitation processes). An important contribution to mineralogy is his textbook *Introduction to Mineral Sciences*, which is a valuable resource for teaching modern concepts of mineralogy.

Georg-Agricola Medal in Bronze to STANISLAV KONSTANTINOVICH FILATOV



The Agricola Medal in Bronze is given to Stanislav Konstantinovich Filatov from the State University of St. Petersburg. Stanislav is recognized for his fundamental and sustained research on negative thermal expansion of glasses and minerals. His work has contributed to a basic understanding of the structural causes of this anomalous effect, which in turn has stimulated the development of technical applications.

Paul-Ramdohr Award to TONI SCHULZ



The Paul-Ramdohr Award recognizes young graduate and postgraduate students who have given outstanding presentations at annual DMG meetings. Toni Schulz from the University of Bonn is honored for his talk entitled "Thermal History and Differentiation of Primitive Achondrites," which he presented at the 2008 DMG meeting in Berlin.

NEW SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP

Starting in 2010 the DMG and the GV (Geologische Vereinigung) offer a double membership fee. The new fee of 95€ (students 40€) includes full membership in both societies and subscription to the *European Journal of Mineralogy* and the *International Journal of Earth Science*.