

## International Association of GeoChemistry

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#### **THANKS MEL!**



Mel Gascoyne

After more than a decade of exemplary service, Mel Gascoyne stepped down as manager of the IAGC's business office in August 2010. Many in the geochemical community have had the pleasure to meet Mel in a professional context or while he was manning the IAGC booth at the GSA annual meeting. So, on behalf of a grateful membership, the Association extends its most sincere and heartfelt thanks to Mel for all of the hard work done on behalf of the Association.

### **RELOCATION OF THE IAGC BUSINESS OFFICE**

The business office has relocated to Columbus, Ohio, USA, where the IAGC's treasurer is also located. Chris Gardner assumed the responsibility for the operation and management of the business office in September 2010. Since Chris took over, he has been working to modernize our operation and develop ways to better communicate with our membership. If you have any questions or suggestions for Chris, please feel free to contact him at iageochemistry@gmail.com.

#### **UPGRADES TO OUR WEB PRESENCE**

We are happy to announce that the IAGC has deployed a new website at www.iagc-society.org. The new site has been designed to be more up-to-date, dynamic, and useful to our members. Members can now update their personal information and pay their dues online securely using a credit or debit card. You'll continue to see new features and enhancements to the site, including dedicated space to allow each of the IAGC working groups to communicate, conduct business, and share photographs. While you're visiting the new site, make sure to follow us on Facebook through the widget on the main page or search for us on LinkedIn.com. We'll update all these pages frequently with news and announcements, so check them often!

# MEMBERSHIP DUES AND APPLIED GEOCHEMISTRY SUBSCRIPTIONS

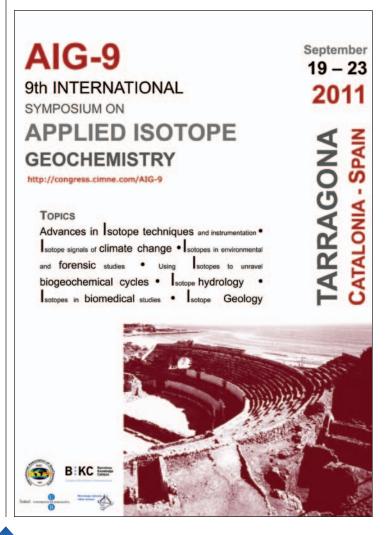
Starting in 2011, Elsevier will no longer collect IAGC dues or payments for *Applied Geochemistry* subscriptions. All payments will be processed through the business office. Visit our website to join or renew your membership (www.iagc-society.org/membership.html).

Negotiations between Elsevier and IAGC have been successful, and a new contract for *Applied Geochemistry* has been signed. During the contract negotiations, it was discovered that very few members still subscribe to the printed version of *Applied Geochemistry*. Due to the low number of such subscriptions, Elsevier is losing money on the printed version and informed us that *Applied Geochemistry* very likely will go fully electronic in the near future. Members with a subscription will receive an access code for the Internet version of the journal. Once the final details are completed, members will be able to order a subscription on our website at www.iagc-society.org/applied\_geochemistry.html.

#### AIG-9 – TARRAGONA, SPAIN 19–23 SEPTEMBER 2011

The next International Symposium on Applied Isotope Geochemistry (AIG-9) will be held in Spain on 19-23 September 2011. The venue for the conference will be the city of Tarragona, which overlooks the Mediterranean Sea in the heart of the Costa Daurada, less than 100 km from Barcelona. Tarragona boasts many monuments dating from the ancient Roman era, including the Tarraco archaeological complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Following the format of previous AIG conferences, the organizers (Dr. Albert Soler, chair, and his team) are planning to have the accommodation, conference sessions, and breakfast and lunch at the same venue, the Ciutat de Tarragona Hotel. In addition, there will be a mid-conference field trip to several sites within this historic region of Spain. The following topics will be covered during the conference, all strongly focused on applied aspects: Advances in isotope techniques and instrumentation; Isotope signals of climate change; Isotopes in environmental and forensic studies; Using isotopes to unravel biogeochemical cycles; Isotope hydrology; Isotopes in biomedical studies; Isotope geology.

We invite you to join us for an exciting week of scientific exchange and cultural discovery. For more information, please visit the conference website (congress.cimne.com/AIG-9); if you have specific questions, please contact Laia Aranda of the AIG-9 Conference Secretariat (aig9@cimne.upc.edu).



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