

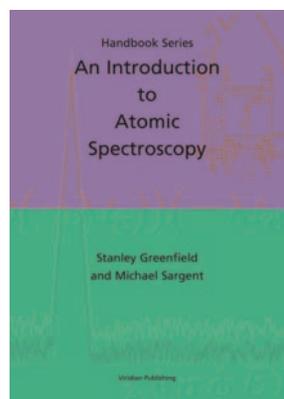


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VIRIDIAN PUBLISHING

The International Association of Geoanalysts has renewed its tie-up with Viridian Publishing (www.viridian-publishing.co.uk), allowing IAG members to enjoy a 20% discount off the cover prices of a range of texts devoted to analytical (geo)chemistry. Viridian has long specialized in the reissuing of classical texts devoted to specific aspects of geoanalysis. Their current offering consists of six volumes issued in paperback format, thus allowing both professionals and students access to works detailing all aspects of, for example, ICP-AES, neutron activation analysis and atomic absorption and fluorescence spectroscopy. A full 40% discount on the already modest cover prices will be provided to IAG members wishing to purchase the full suite of six volumes. Further information is available on the IAG's web page under "membership."

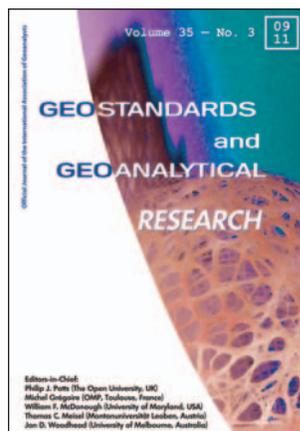


Published earlier this year, *An Introduction to Atomic Spectroscopy*, by Stanley Greenfield and Michael Sargent, is the latest offering from Viridian Publishing. This newly released 128-page volume provides an overview of nearly all aspects of atomic spectroscopy, with a particular emphasis on the historical development of this key analytical field. As this book was written by two of the founders of modern analytical spectroscopy for the quantitative determination of metallic species, the reader would expect much insight into the thought processes which led to key advances during past centuries and recent decades. And here the reader

is richly rewarded. Written for both the professional analyst and advanced-level students, this text also discusses various designs which have been employed in both atomic emission and atomic fluorescence instrumentation, and includes detailed descriptions of the physical theories governing a given process. Other chapters are devoted to critical aspects of the quantification process, including both the fundamentals of spectra generation and the methods by which quantitative data can be acquired. For analysts interested in the history of atomic spectroscopy or in a well-balanced review of the physics on which this family of methods is based, this latest publication from Viridian Publishing will be a welcome contribution.

GEOSTANDARDS AND GEOANALYTICAL RESEARCH

Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research, the official journal of the International Association of Geoanalysts, has recorded yet another success towards its goal of being the key information source devoted to all aspects of geoanalysis. With the release of the latest ISI report for the year 2010, *GGR* has increased its impact rating to 3.015, placing the journal 21st out of 165 in the field of multidisciplinary geoscience. As president of the IAG, I would like to congratulate the board of Editors-in-Chief of *GGR* as well as Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, which has supported the journal since 2007. In conjunction with steadily decreasing times for the review of submitted articles and earlier release of accepted manuscripts via the Wiley-Blackwell "Early View" system, *GGR* continues to attract top contributions in a broad range of topics related to the chemical characterisation of natural materials.



Another strength of *GGR* is its presence within the Wiley online library. The journal's web presentation has been significantly expanded in recent months to include such new features as a list of "Virtual Special Issues," Editors' Choice papers from 2009 to 2011 and a report of the most cited articles from the journal. These features are in addition to the classical content, such as author guidelines and online manuscript submission. Society members are reminded that they have full access to all the content of the Wiley online library, not to mention full electronic back issues of the journal reaching back to 1977, via their society membership. Find the link at www.geoanalyst.org.

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