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DMG AWARDS FOR 2013

The **Abraham Gottlob Werner Medal** is the highest award given by the German Mineralogical Society (DMG). It recognizes outstanding original research in mineralogy (silver medal) or distinguished service in the advancement of the mineralogical sciences (gold medal).



François Holtz (Hannover)

In 2013 the silver medal was presented to **François Holtz** (Institute for Mineralogy, Leibniz University Hannover) for his outstanding achievements in the petrology of magmatic rocks. François is a recognized international authority in experimental petrology. His studies on the influence of volatiles on the formation of SiO₂-rich melts are fundamental to our knowledge of the evolution of magmas in the Earth's crust.



Heidi Höfer (Frankfurt)

Heidi Höfer (Institute for Geosciences, Goethe University Frankfurt) received the Abraham Gottlob Werner Medal in gold. She has been the DMG's officer for public relations since 2001. Mineralogists all over the world remember her efforts in organizing the 10th International Symposium on Experimental Mineralogy, Petrology, and Geochemistry (EMPG) in 2004, the 9th International Kimberlite Conference, and the 1st European Mineralogical

Conference (emc²⁰¹²) in 2012, all in Frankfurt/Main, Germany. We thank Heidi for her distinguished service representing German mineralogy across the world.



Hella Wittmann-Oelze (Potsdam)

The **Victor Moritz Goldschmidt Prize** is given to young researchers for outstanding contributions to the mineralogical sciences. The 2013 awardee is **Hella Wittmann-Oelze** (Helmholtz Centre Potsdam–GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences) in recognition of her fundamental contributions to the geochemistry of cosmogenic nuclides. She earned a PhD in science from the University of Hannover in 2008 with her thesis entitled "New

applications to in situ-produced cosmogenic nuclides in river sediment: High mountain belt denudation in the Swiss Alps and Bolivian Andes and sediment transfer and storage in the Amazon basin." Hella has contributed significantly to the understanding of landscape-forming processes at the orogenic scale.



Donja Abbichler (LMU Munich), the first DMG Beate Mocek awardee, being honored by DMG President Astrid Holzheid (left)

Maximilians University, Munich, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences). Donja qualified for the prize with her

excellent studies on the metasomatism of metapelite and talcschist in the eclogite zone of the Tauern window (Austrian Alps). She is now investigating the transport phenomena of high-field-strength elements in sanidinites (Eslamy peninsula, northwestern Iran). A grant of 600 euros will help fund the field trip to Iran.



Shreya Karmakar (Kiel)

The **Paul Ramdohr Award**, given for the best oral presentation by a student at the annual meeting of the DMG, was presented to **Shreya Karmakar**, a PhD student at the Institute for Geosciences of Christian Albrechts University, Kiel. The award recognizes the excellence of her talk "Archean UHT metamorphism and Paleoproterozoic reworking at Uweinat in the East Sahara Ghost Craton," which she delivered at the 1st European Mineralogical Conference in Frankfurt in 2012.



Dear colleagues,

This year's annual meeting of the German Mineralogical Society (DMG) will be held for the first time at the University of Jena, Germany. We cordially invite you to join in this event on 21–24 September 2014.

Organized under the motto "Minerals at Focal Point," the conference aims to bring together researchers from all fields of mineralogy, our multifaceted discipline. The meeting program advertises, therefore, a wide range of topics in or at the crossroads of crystallography, applied mineralogy, petrology, and geo-/cosmochemistry.

The organization of the 2014 DMG meeting coincides with the 100th anniversary of the journal *Chemie der Erde/Geochemistry*, which was founded in Jena. To mark this occasion, a special volume is in preparation and will be handed out to the attendees of the conference. The meeting also offers a half-day excursion to the nearby former uranium mining district at Ronneburg. The deadline for abstract submission is 30 May 2014. For further information (e.g. list of sessions) please see our web page (www.dmg2014.de).

We are looking forward to your attendance and contributions and welcome you to the city of light.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee,

Falko Langenhorst