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METEORITE NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE REPORT



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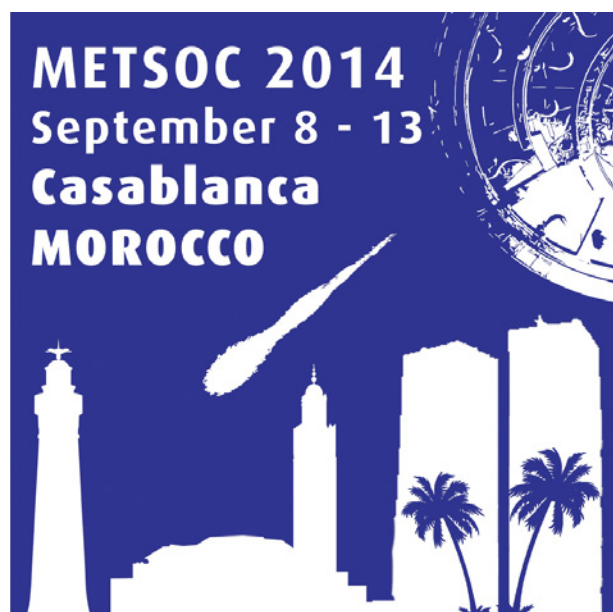
The purpose of the Nomenclature Committee (NomCom) is to approve new meteorite names, and to establish guidelines and make decisions regarding the naming of meteorites. We are also charged with keeping the community apprised of new meteorites through the *Meteoritical Bulletin* and the Meteoritical Database (www.lpi.usra.edu/meteor/metbull.php). The issue of how best to publish the *Meteoritical Bulletin* is close to resolution. In the meantime, you should be aware that all new meteorites are automatically added to the next issue of the *Bulletin*

by the database editor, and the issues are now yearly (e.g. MB102 = 2013, MB103 = 2014). The contents of a particular *Bulletin* are accessible using the "Publication" dropdown window in the database. MB102 will contain 3141 meteorites (1433 non-Antarctic), and MB103 currently has 904 meteorites (358 non-Antarctic). The need for a regularly updated database has never been greater!

As of January 1, we welcome Carl Agee as the new editor of the *Bulletin*. Carl is the director of the Institute of Meteoritics at the University of New Mexico. New NomCom members include Tasha Dunn, Jérôme Gattacceca, and Audrey Bouvier. Special thanks to Michael Weisberg, Laurence Garvie, and Pierre Rochette, who have completed their terms on the committee. Laurence was a dedicated editor, and his service was outstanding. Michael also served as editor, and his insights have been invaluable.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (herd@ualberta.ca) with questions or concerns about NomCom and especially with suggestions for improvement. Essential information on meteorite nomenclature, instructions and the template for reporting new meteorites, and NomCom membership may be found on our homepage: http://meteoriticalsociety.org/?page_id=106.

Chris Herd, NomCom Chair



ASTEROIDS, COMETS, METEORS MEETING 2014 JUNE 30–JULY 4, 2014

Helsinki, Finland

The Asteroids, Comets, Meteors meeting focuses on the research of small Solar System bodies. Small bodies are the key to understanding the formation and evolution of the Solar System, as they carry signals from presolar times. Understanding the evolution of the Solar System helps unveil the evolution of extrasolar planetary systems. Societally, small bodies will be important future resources of minerals. The near-Earth population of small bodies continues to pose an impact hazard, whether it is from small pieces of falling meteorites or from larger asteroids or cometary nuclei capable of causing global environmental effects.

Asteroids, Comets, Meteors (ACM) is the leading international conference series in the field of small Solar System bodies. The first three conferences took place in Uppsala, Sweden, in 1983, 1985, and 1989. The conference is now returning to a Nordic country after a quarter of a century. After the Uppsala conferences, meetings took place in Flagstaff, Arizona, USA, in 1991; Belgrate, Italy, in 1993; Paris, France, in 1996; Ithaca, New York, USA, in 1999; Berlin, Germany, in 2002; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2005; Baltimore, Maryland, USA, in 2008; and Niigata, Japan, in 2012. ACM in Helsinki, Finland, in 2014 will be the 12th conference in the series (www.helsinki.fi/acm2014; e-mail: acm-2014@helsinki.fi).

Looking forward to seeing you in Helsinki!

Karri Muinonen

Chair, ACM2014 Scientific Organizing Committee
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Finnish Geodetic Institute

METSOC ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

2014	September 8–12, Casablanca, Morocco
2015	July 27–31, Berkeley, California, USA
2016	August 7–12, Berlin, Germany
2017	Dates to be announced, Albuquerque or Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA