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2015 EAG AWARDS: TIME TO SEND NOMINATIONS

To ensure the recognition of deserving scientists from all generations, your nomination can make a difference. Below is a short description of the EAG Awards. The nomination process is simple.

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Please submit your nominations before 31 October 2014 for the GS-EAG Geochemical Fellows and before 15 November 2014 for all other awards. Details are available at www.eag.eu.com/awards/nomination/.
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2015 AWARD NOMINATIONS

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Make a nomination at www.geochemsoc.org/nominate.htm. DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2014

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