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EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER AWARD

In 2014 the IAG again sponsored its Early Career Researcher Award, which recognizes the efforts of a PhD-level or recently graduated scientist whose work significantly advances the objectives of our association. As in previous years, the selection was based on abstracts submitted to this year's Goldschmidt Conference, and 537 submissions were eligible. The IAG's selection jury found it very challenging to choose among the many top-quality submissions devoted to improved metrology, the characterization of new geochemical reference materials or the validation of new or refined analytical methods.

It is with great pleasure that we report that the winner of the 2014 award is Corey J. Wall of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, for his submission "Evaluation of the Stillwater Complex Anorthosite (ANII) as an Archean U-Pb Geochronology Standard." Corey's work was found to be of the highest quality not only because it addressed a crucial topic relevant for geochronology but also because of its level of detail and metrological rigour. The International Association of Geoanalysts would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Corey for his excellent research, and we are very much looking forward to his future contributions in geochemical metrology.

Corey Wall of the University of British Columbia, winner of the IAG's 2014 Early Career Researcher Award, during field work in Labrador.

ADDITIONAL HARVARD MINERALS NOW AVAILABLE

Since 2012 the IAG has been cooperating with the Harvard Mineralogical Museum to provide researchers easy access to top-quality material for the calibration of mineral analyses. During the first 18 months of this program, this initiative was devoted to the distribution of the 91500 zircon reference material, which has been characterized both for its U–Th–Pb systematics as well as for a broad spectrum of other geochemical properties. This project has been exceptionally well received, with over 150 aliquots of zircon having been distributed worldwide, so that now it should be possible to directly trace all U–Pb zircon results from world-leading geochronology facilities.

In spring 2014, the IAG and the Harvard Mineralogical Museum expanded this cooperation to include the complete suite of "mineral standards" that the museum has developed over the previous two decades. Additional to the marketing of these materials, the new agreement also provides IAG ready access to some of the world's best materials for further characterization, and in particular for the isotopic characterization of mineral phases for which there are currently no available reference materials. Some of the phases now available through IAG's marketing arm are shown in the accompanying table. We encourage people interested in mineral microanalysis to periodically check with www.IAGeo.com to find out which phases are available and which chemical and isotopic systems have been characterized.

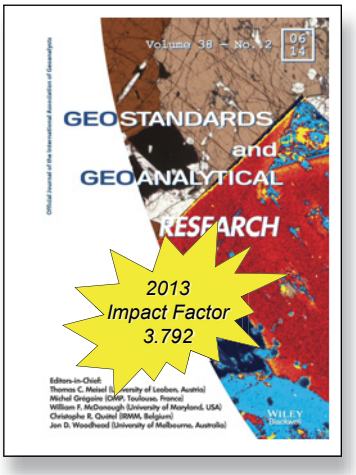
Dolomite sample MGM#105064 from the Harvard mineral collection. This material—already characterized for major element contents—is now available through IAGeo.com and is also under further investigation as a possible isotope reference material.

albite	elbaite*	muscovite
biotite	enstatite	quartz
dolomite	forsterite	schorl*
dravite*	hematite	sillimanite

List of some of the mineral phases from the Harvard Reference Material Program that are now available from IAGeo.com for the calibration of major and minor element contents. The mineral phases shown with an asterisk have also been characterized for their $\delta^{11}B$ contents.

BIBLIOMETRICS FOR *GGR*

The IAG has great pleasure to report the most recent bibliometrics for scientific publications, reflecting the increasing success of our Association's journal, *Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research*. Again, for the third year in a row, the 2-year impact factor for *GGR* has increased, reaching an all-time high for the journal of 3.792 in 2013. Likewise, both the 5-year impact factor and the "immediacy index" of the journal have advanced over each of the previous two years. Here the IAG would like to thank and congratulate the editors, editorial management, Wiley Publishing, and, in particular, the many authors who contributed to this outstanding result. Thanks to their great efforts, *GGR* has now clearly positioned itself as a top journal for the publication of the newest results devoted to metrology in the analytical geosciences.



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