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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Expanding Co-operation and Collaboration



Frances Wall

I am writing this editorial whilst en route to IMA2014 in South Africa. This conference is the quadrennial meeting of the International Mineralogical Association, which links together mineralogical societies worldwide. It seems fitting, therefore, to write about co-operation and collaborative links. Much of the science that we do needs to be done in collaboration with partners, often in different countries and frequently in different disciplines. I am very pleased that our society has recently signed memoranda of understanding with the Mineralogical Society of America and the

European Association of Geochemistry. These will give us and members of the partner societies various benefits, including cheaper meeting attendance and publications. Our notable recent interdisciplinary collaboration is the formation of a Geomicrobiology Network jointly with the Society for General Microbiology. These agreements are likely to open up new forms of collaboration, including the potential for new joint activities.

Coming back to the IMA theme, some 38 societies are members of IMA. Many of these have far fewer members and resources than the larger societies we have been talking to so far. Moreover, in many other countries, there are too few mineralogical scientists to even form a group or society. IMA brings its member societies together every four years and also fosters international collaboration through its commissions and working groups. However, most of the financial resources in the mineralogical community sit with individual societies, not with IMA. These individual societies, such as the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland, can also help to ensure the international mineralogical community has access to the world's leading ideas. Perhaps it is timely to think about how, following the MOUs with the larger societies, Min Soc could also make a new initiative, such as holding a virtual joint conference or establishing web links to meetings that would help in countries with fewer active mineralogical scientists.

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FROM THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY...

Once upon a time, the summer was a time for taking stock, for doing those jobs you'd put off all winter and spring because there wasn't enough time, for example, tidying up journals and the mailing room, etc. Not this year. As well as planning for travel to South Africa for IMA, this past summer has been taken up with new initiatives designed to get more journal and book content in front of more readers.

IMA

This contribution to the October issue of *Elements* is being written as we prepare to depart for IMA in South Africa. Colleagues in Johannesburg have been busy for several years preparing for the greatest (mineralogical) show on Earth. Learned societies / non-profit organizations attend relatively few conferences because of the prohibitive costs. Travel, accommodation and subsistence costs and staff time, not to mention the cost of shipping boxes of books and a display stand to far-flung places like South Africa, are prohibitive. For IMA, several learned societies combined under the *Elements* family banner, with the booth manned by representatives of various organizations, including Kevin Murphy of the MSGBI.

Book and other sales never cover the costs listed above, but conferences are a great opportunity to catch up with colleagues, meet new members, and talk about possible new projects, such as journal special issues, book ideas, conference plans, etc.



GeoScienceWorld (GSW) announced the release of the new GeoScienceWorld eBook Collections on the HighWire open platform: <http://ebooks.geoscienceworld.org>. The new site is dedicated to the study of the Earth sciences, containing books from 10 leading society publishers.

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The participating publishers are:

- American Association of Petroleum Geologists
- Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists
- The Clay Minerals Society
- Geological Society of America
- Geological Society of London
- **Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland**
- University of Wyoming
- SEPM, The Society for Sedimentary Geology
- Society of Economic Geologists
- Society of Exploration Geophysicists

The collection has 1050 titles with new material being added on an ongoing basis.

With the addition of the eBook Collections to its journals and AGI's GeoRef, GSW now provides sophisticated integration, search and discovery capabilities for the most respected Earth science content online.

As far as the Mineralogical Society is concerned, all of the EMU Notes in Mineralogy series has been included, as well as volumes 9 and 10 of the Mineralogical Society series and volumes 4 and 5 of the Monograph series.

Title collections are available now for institutional subscription, and soon chapters will be available for online purchasing and downloading by individual users. Non-customers may conduct searches and find detailed book information, abstracts, and tables of contents for each title. Full-text content is available by institutional subscription and/or via Athens affiliation. Free trials are available to prospective institutional customers. Submit trial requests to: gswinfo@geoscienceworld.org.

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including *Mineralogical Magazine* and *Clay Minerals*, and eBooks, along with the GeoRef index. The organization gives global researchers a single point of access to 45 full-text scholarly journals, plus specialized searching capabilities and links to millions of relevant resources hosted elsewhere on the Web.

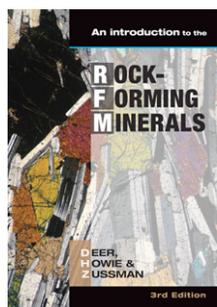
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Marketing

The Society is undertaking, for the first time, a professional marketing campaign, backed up by an extended network of online resellers. The contract was signed in mid-summer and work is currently ongoing to put all the elements in place. Societies and other non-profits tend to be very good at publishing books, but smaller organizations, in particular, are less adept at selling them. Commercial organizations spend as much or more on marketing as they do on production. Our new marketing arrangement should help to improve our sales capabilities.

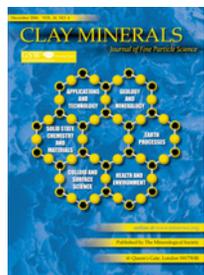
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In spite of relatively little marketing, *Introduction to the Rock-Forming Minerals*, by Deer, Howie and Zussman (3rd edition), has been flying off the shelves. The reports from readers and reviewers have been very positive. Copies are available from the Mineralogical Society online bookshop: www.minersoc.org.

Impact Factors

The latest Thomson-Reuters impact factors (for 2013) were released in July 2014. *Mineralogical Magazine* maintained its very good showing of last year with an impact factor (IF) of 1.898 this year. The increased rates of citation per article over the past couple of years has continued. The IF for *Clay Minerals* is a disappointing 0.756. Traditionally, this journal has sat at about 1.0, so this fall is significant.



The editors of both journals and the Society's Council have worked hard to secure good-quality content, to have it reviewed thoroughly, fairly and quickly, and to publish it as soon as possible after acceptance. They have also worked to secure content from authors new to the journal by publishing

abstracts from Goldschmidt conferences and by approaching organizers of specific conferences with a view to publishing sets of papers, for example, in radioactive waste management, mineral deposits, etc. We have also worked at using a hybrid funding model, which means that we offer some of these special issues as Open Access, alongside the regular, subscription-model issues. We will continue to push hard on all fronts, and to welcome offers from individual authors and groups interested in publishing high-quality science in journals with good reputations and strong editing and production values.



Mark Tyrer, Council member, representing the Society at this summer's 'Implementing Geological Disposal – Technology Platform' (IGD-TP) conference, held in Manchester, UK. Papers from this conference will be published, by means of Open Access, in a special issue of *Mineralogical Magazine* during 2015.



Check the website at www.euroclay2015.org for information about the scientific programme, field trips, social events, etc. Online registration is imminent, as is accommodation booking (early booking is recommended – the tourist season in Edinburgh is a busy time).

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The Department of Earth and Environmental Science (EES) is entering a period of growth with a newly launched Ph.D. program. Thus, we seek to add two tenure-track faculty positions to begin in August 2015. One position is in the area of GEOMATERIALS; the other separately advertised position is for REMOTE SENSING. Exceptional candidates holding a Ph.D. in a relevant science or engineering discipline are encouraged to apply.

Of particular interest are GEOMATERIALS applicants with expertise in mineralogy and petrology with energy or material science applications. This appointment will complement existing expertise on the properties of nano-minerals, geochemistry, and materials science within EES and the university. The applicant must be prepared to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in geology/environmental science including mineralogy/petrology, mentor undergraduate and graduate students and secure external research funding.

Applications should include a CV, statement of teaching goals, a research plan, names and contact information for at least three references, and selected reprints. Instructions for uploading applications materials are at: <http://ees.cst.temple.edu/>. Please send a letter of intent to apply and any inquiries to **Nicholas C. Davatzes, Chair, Search Committee**, davatzes@temple.edu. Application materials are due by **December 1, 2014**. Temple University is a state-related, research-intensive university with undergraduate enrollment of more than 27,000 and nearly 10,000 graduate and professional students. More information on our department and a more detailed ad are available at <http://www.temple.edu/geology/>. Temple University is an equal opportunity, equal access, affirmative action employer committed to achieving a diverse community (AA, EOE, M/F/D/V). The department specifically encourages applications from women and minorities.