1ST EUROPEAN CRYSTALLOGRAPHY SCHOOL

Some 120 students from 30 countries (selected from among 200 applications) and more than 20 internationally renowned teachers (among whom the Nobel laureate V. Ramakrishnan) and tutors gathered in Pavia for this school (28 August to 6 September), one of the most important European events celebrating the International Year of Crystallography. A 10-day school for master’s and PhD students and a 6-day school designed for more expert students were given. Lectures and tutorial sessions covered the most important approaches in modern crystallography and their applications in the different branches of science, and allowed participants to go deeper into the use of software packages with the help of their developers. A poster session with 91 contributions helped collegiality and scientific discussion. The school was funded by an Erasmus Intensive Programme grant to a consortium of 9 European universities and provided students with 3 ECTS credits. EMU supported ECS1 with two grants (see photo). The success of the school, from the viewpoints of education and networking, has opened the way to the next editions: ECS2 will be held in 2015 in Oviedo, Spain, and ECS3 in 2016 in Roviny, Croatia.

EUROPEAN MINERALOGICAL UNION SCHOOL IN PLANETARY MINERALOGY

The EMU School in Planetary Mineralogy was held at the University of Glasgow, UK, from 25 August to 3 September 2014; it was organised by Prof. Martin Lee (Glasgow) and Prof. Hugues Leroux (Lille). The school attracted 48 participants from 10 countries, and featured lectures, careers workshops and geological fieldwork. The teachers were Dr Mahesh Anand (Open University), Prof. Mark Burchell (University of Kent), Dr Julia Cartwright (Caltech), Dr Carole Cordier (Grenoble), Prof. Alex Deutsch (University of Münster), Dr Matt Genge and Prof. Sanjeev Gupta (Imperial College), Dr Patrick Harkness (University of Glasgow), Prof. Laurent Remusat (Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle, Paris), Dr Ian Sanders (Trinity College Dublin), Dr Christian Schroeder (University of Stirling), Dr Caroline Smith (Natural History Museum, London), Dr Josep Trigo-Rodriguez (CSIC-IEEC, Barcelona), Prof. Wim van Westrenen (Amsterdam) and Dr Jutta Zipfel (Senckenberg Research Institute, Frankfurt). The school was supported by an Erasmus Intensive Programme grant, and the accompanying book, EMU Notes in Mineralogy, vol. 15, will be published shortly.