A Workshop on Accessory Minerals, organized by Bogusław Bagiński and Ray Macdonald and held at the Institute of Geochemistry, Mineralogy and Petrology of the University of Warsaw on September 25–26, 2014, was attended by invited participants from 11 countries. Papers covered the geological occurrence, paragenesis, structure, composition, and alteration products of a wide range of accessories, stressing the need for multitechnique approaches to such studies. The abstract volume of the workshop may be found at http://www.geo.uw.edu.pl/tl_files/publikacje/Tom_abstraktow_6b-ost_ver_publ.pdf.

Visits were made to the new analytical facilities in the Faculty of Geology, including the electron microprobe lab with field-emission equipment and the SEM lab with a dual-beam Auriga machine equipped with FIB, Cryo-SEM, STEM, and EBSD. Participants also visited the X-ray laboratories in the Department of Chemistry and the new SHRIMP IIe facility in the Polish Geological Institute. A desired outcome of the workshop will be new international research collaborations, some of which were outlined during the meeting.

THE 21ST ANNUAL PETROLOGY SESSION OF THE POLISH MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Petrology Session, organized by the Institute of Geochemistry, Mineralogy and Petrology of the University of Warsaw and held in Boguszyn near Kłodzko (Sudetes) on 16–19 October 2014, was attended by 77 participants from five countries. Papers ranged broadly over the fields of petrology, mineralogy, and geochemistry, the main theme being “From Magma Genesis to Ore Formation: Evidence from Macro-to Nanoscales.” During the conference 25 lectures were presented, including talks by invited speakers Chris Hawkesworth (University of St. Andrews), Peter Kokelaar (University of Liverpool), and Vojtech Janoushek (Czech Geological Survey). Forty-four posters were displayed. The meeting concluded with a field trip to localities in the Kłodzko-Złoty Stok granitoid intrusion, where the strong heterogeneity of the rocks in the body was demonstrated. The abstract volume of the session is available at http://www.ptmin.agh.edu.pl/mpsp30/Vol42_2014.pdf.