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OUR FLAGSHIP JOURNAL – APPLIED GEOCHEMISTRY

Just about every president of every society has, at one time or another, written an opinion piece about the importance of reviewing in the publication process. However, this is a special appeal to our members, from three current officers of the IAGC and our executive editor.

We are sure you are all aware that *Applied Geochemistry* is the flagship journal of IAGC and is published by Elsevier. Our relationship with Elsevier gives *Applied Geochemistry* good exposure via online publication alongside related journals. In turn, IAGC agrees to support *Applied Geochemistry* by encouraging its members to publish high-quality papers in the journal and to provide reviews in a timely manner. What you may not know is that Elsevier supports IAGC financially through this contract by means of an annual payment to IAGC, and that these royalties represent the financial backbone of our Society. IAGC uses this money to support our working groups and to fund the Elsevier Student Research Grant Program.

Thus, we as IAGC members should have a keen interest in the success of *Applied Geochemistry*, and we should do all that we can to advance its standing among geochemical journals. One of the most important ways we support our journal is by providing colleague reviews. While many of us feel a sense of dread when we receive tons of e-mails asking for reviews of manuscripts from a whole range of journals, we would like to point out the positive aspects of reviewing for *Applied Geochemistry*:

- Reviewing gives us an in-advance look at new research in the field of applied geochemistry before it is published.
- Having to look critically at the work of others forces us to look critically at our own work, thus improving the quality of both.

- New collaborative opportunities sometimes arise from the review process by establishing new connections within our Society.
- The review process is a learning process: both reviewers and authors learn by exchanging ideas and providing feedback.
- Reviewing is our way of recognizing the importance of our journal: by agreeing to provide a colleague review, we ensure and maintain the high standards of our journal.
- By agreeing to do a review for our journal, we acknowledge our obligation to our scientific association. Each paper that we publish requires two or three reviewers, so it stands to reason that we should do two or three reviews for each AG paper that bears our name.

Therefore, the next time you receive an e-mail from *Applied Geochemistry* offering you the opportunity to do a review, please make all possible effort to accept the review, and then, of course, complete it in a timely manner! Though this is a demanding, unpaid, extra job, please remember that when you do a review for our society journal, *Applied Geochemistry*, you in fact make an in-kind donation to your association! The IAGC lives off the royalties we receive for our journal. We would need to increase the membership fees several times over if we lost these royalties. And then, of course, please also submit your excellent papers to our journal!

Rich Wanty, IAGC Past-President
Ian Cartwright, IAGC President
Michael Kersten, *Applied Geochemistry* Executive Editor
Clemens Reimann, IAGC Outgoing Past-President

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2014 SOCIETY FELLOWS

The Meteoritical Society congratulates its new Fellows. **Gretchen Benedix** (Curtin University, Perth, Australia), **Fred Ciesla** (University of Chicago, Chicago, USA), **Harold Connolly** (City University of New York / American Museum of Natural History, New York, USA), **Matthieu Gounelle** (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France), **Munir Humayun** (Florida State University, Tallahassee, USA), **Dante Lauretta** (University of Arizona, Tucson, USA), **Marc Norman** (Australian National University, Canberra, Australia), **Ian Sanders** (Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland), **Rhonda Stroud** (Naval Research Laboratory, Washington, DC, USA), and **Andrew Westphal** (University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, USA).

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

2015 – Berkeley, California, USA, July 27–31

2016 – Berlin, Germany, August 7–12

2017 – New Mexico, USA, dates to be determined

2018 – Moscow, Russia, dates to be determined

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