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INCOMING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Michael Zolensky

It is with great pleasure that I take over as president of the Meteoritical Society. I thank Professor Monica Grady, CBE, for her wise presidency over the past two years, which successfully led our Society to new levels of prosperity. I will endeavor to not screw this up.

I attended my first Met Soc annual meeting in 1985 as a new postdoc, coming from the field of nuclear waste disposal and containment. I note that nearly all my best friends in grad school were working on meteorite geochemistry, ore deposits research, igneous and metamorphic petrology, and other fascinating topics. I was fantastically lucky to transition to meteoritics, and I found that all my old grad school buddies went in the opposite direction and are now working on nuclear waste disposal and containment. At that 1985 Met Soc meeting, I was amazed at how combative the meteoriticists were, compared to what I had experienced at, say, GSA and rad waste meetings. It took some time to realize that the fierce arguments I saw masked great friendships (though not always, of course). Several of the scientists who told me in no uncertain terms that my talk was really stupid later became great friends of mine. Over the succeeding 30 years I have collaborated with a great many Met Soc members, and the Society has always been an extended family for me. Met Soc is still small enough to be intimate, which means that even new members can have a major, positive impact. I look forward to my two years as president of the Society, and I especially look forward to meeting the many students who attend Society meetings and usually give the very best presentations.

There are a few initiatives I would especially like to foster. There is a great future in using radar data to quickly locate new meteorite falls—to complement the new camera networks that are being implemented—and it should be possible for Met Soc to help make this a worldwide effort. The Society is financially healthy, and we invite proposals for how some of our funds could be usefully utilized. In addition, there should be a database of meteorite sample images (BSE mosaics, element maps, etc.) that all could contribute to and draw from. Please don't be shy about telling us how to make the Society work better for you.

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OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Meteoritical Society will welcome a number of new officers this year. Mike Zolensky (see above) will be transitioning from vice president to president, and Trevor Ireland (Australian National University) will be the incoming vice president. Mike Weisberg (City University of New York, USA) will be our new secretary, and Candace Kohl (University of California–San Diego, USA) will be the treasurer. Monica Grady (Open University, UK) will continue to serve, albeit in her new capacity as past president. We thank these new officers in advance for their efforts to lead the Meteoritical Society through the next two years.



Trevor Ireland



Mike Weisberg



Candace Kohl



Monica Grady

The Meteoritical Society Council will consist of Jay Melosh (Purdue University, West Lafayette, USA), Larry Nittler (Carnegie Institution, Washington, DC, USA), Maria Schönbachler (ETH, Zürich, Switzerland), Kevin Righter (NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, USA), Hisayoshi Yurimoto (Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan), Alexander Krot (Hawai'i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology, USA), Keiko Nakamura-Messenger (NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, USA), François Robert (Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France), and Caroline Smith (Natural History Museum, London, UK).

We would like to sincerely thank Greg Herzog (secretary), Rhian Jones (treasurer), and Ed Scott (president / past president) for their years of dedicated service devoted to keeping the Meteoritical Society operating smoothly!

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THE BARRINGER FAMILY FUND FOR METEORITE IMPACT RESEARCH

The Barringer Crater Company has established a special fund to support field work by eligible students interested in the study of impact cratering processes. The Barringer Family Fund for Meteorite Impact Research will provide a number of competitive grants in the range of \$2500 to \$5000 in support of

field research at known or suspected impact sites worldwide. Grant funds may be used to assist with travel and subsistence costs, as well as the costs of laboratory and computer analysis of research samples and findings. Master's, doctoral, and postdoctoral students enrolled in formal university programs are

eligible. Application to the Fund will be due by April 3, 2015, and awardees will be notified by June 5, 2015. Additional details about the Fund and the application process can be found at http://www.lpi.usra.edu/science/kring/Awards/Barringer_Fund.



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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 Laurretta** (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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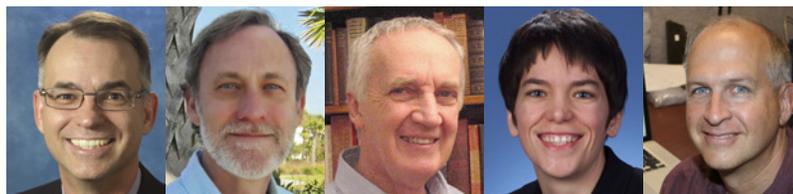
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