hot: 25–30 °C during the day and 15–18 °C at night; some humidity may occur, and summer thunderstorms cannot be ruled out. Further information about Berlin and its environs can be obtained at www.berlin.de/en or at www.visitberlin.de/en.

The conference website is www.metsoc-berlin.de, which will be updated as further information becomes available. For specific information please contact the Organizing Committee at MetSoc2016@mfn-berlin.de.

IN MEMORIAM—JOE GOLDSTEIN

Dr. Joseph I. Goldstein passed away at home on Saturday, 27 June 2015. He was born 6 January 1939 in Syracuse, New York and obtained his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1960, 1962, and 1964, respectively. Upon completing his doctorate, he worked for NASA at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt (Maryland, USA) until 1968. From 1968–1993, he was a professor of metallurgy and materials science at Lehigh University (Pennsylvania, USA). Dr. Goldstein provided research and teaching leadership for over 20 years as Vice President for Research at Lehigh (1983–1990) and as Dean of Engineering at the University of Massachusetts (UMass) in Boston (1993–2004). He led the development of several major research and applied research centers, including two National Science Foundation engineering research centers and a Ben Franklin center at Lehigh University, and he improved the undergraduate engineering curriculum at UMass. In addition, he played a major role in increasing diversity in the College of Engineering at UMass. After ending his term as Dean of Engineering at UMass, Joe remained on the UMass faculty until his retirement in 2014.

Dr. Goldstein received a great many awards during his career, including the Presidential Science Award of the Microbeam Analysis Society in 1991; the Leonard Medal of the Meteoritical Society in 2005 for outstanding contributions to the science of meteoritics and closely allied fields; and the Chancellor’s Medal at UMass in 2007. In 2000, an asteroid was named J0egoldstein in honor of his research work. In 2015, the Microbeam Analysis Society and the Meteoritical Society together established an early career development award in honor of Dr. Goldstein “to recognize his exceptional contributions to training multiple generations of microanalytic experts.”

Joe was an active member of Congregation B’nai Israel of Northampton, where he served on the board of directors. He was also on the board at UMass Hillel and sang in Mak’hela, the Jewish Chorus of Western Massachusetts. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara; his daughter, Anne Goldstein-Factor; and his grandchildren, Sophie and Dov.

Donations in Dr. Goldstein’s memory can be sent to Congregation B’nai Israel, 253 Prospect St., Northampton, MA 01060, USA; the Meteoritical Society, care of Candace Kohl, 294 Torrey Pines Terrace, Del Mar, CA 92014, USA; or the ALS Association, www.alsa.org. Obituaries can be found at the Daily Hampshire Gazette and the UMass websites*.

* www.legacy.com/obituaries/gazettenet/obituary.aspx?n=joseph-goldstein&pid=175216234&fhid=15522#hashT1TCDIB19.duf
www.umass.edu/newsoffice/article/obituary-joseph-i-goldstein-distinguished
TRAVEL AWARDS

This year, 44 of the students and researchers who attended the annual meeting of the society in Berkeley (California, USA) received travel grants. Student travel grants and travel grants for scientists from countries with limited financial resources are generously sponsored by the Barringer Crater Company; the Planetary Studies Foundation, NASA, the Meteoritical Society Endowment Fund, the International Mineral Collectors Association (Brian Mason Award), the National Institute for Polar Research (NIPR)/Japan Polar Research Association (JPRA), and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)/Institute of Space and Astronautical Science (ISAS). On behalf of the students and researchers, we thank all these institutions and organizations for their generosity. Persons who received specific grants or awards are noted below:

Meteoritical Society Endowment Fund

POST-DOCTORAL AWARD
Edivaldo Dos Santos (Centro Brasileiro de Pesquisas Fisicas, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil)
Noriyuki Kawasaki (Hokkaido University, Japan)
Agata Krzesinska (Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland)
Miliarca Valenzuela (Pontificia Universidad Catolica De Chile, Chile)
Mehmet Vesilas (State University of New York at Stonybrook, USA)

LOW-INCOME COUNTRY AWARD
Houda El Kermi (Hassan II University, Morocco)
S. V. S. Murty (Physical Research Lab, India)

Barringer Crater Company Fund
Natasha Vasiliaki Almeida (Natural History Museum, London, UK)
Moritz Barth (University of Jena, Germany)
Helene Breton (University of Glasgow, UK)
Y. Chang (University of Tokyo, Japan)
Daniel Dunlap (Arizona State University, USA)
Matthias Ebert (Museum of Natural History – Berlin, Germany)
Lucy Forman (Curtin University, Australia)
Cosette Gilmour (University of Alberta, Canada)
Timothy Hahn (University of Tennessee, USA)
Christopher Hamann (Museum für Naturkunde Berlin, Germany)
Sakawat Hossain (Technical University Munich, Germany)
Christine Jilly-Rehak (University of Hawaii, USA)
Emily Pringle (Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris, France)
My Riebe (Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH) Zürich, Switzerland)
Ratiba Sahoui (University of Science and Technology Houari Boumediene, Algiers, Algeria)
Mouloud Mammari University of Tizi-Ouzou, Algiers, Algeria
NIPR/JPRA Award

Josiah Lewis (Washington University in St. Louis, USA)
Jonathan Lewis (University of New Mexico, USA)
Josiah Lewis (Washington University in St. Louis, USA)
Christine Luning (University of Tennessee, USA)
Prajkta Mane (Arizona State University, USA)
Morgan Martinez (University of California, San Diego, USA)
Christopher Sneed (University of California, Los Angeles, USA)
Michelle Thompson (University of Arizona, USA)
Reto Trappitsch (University of Chicago, USA)
Chris Wetteland (University of Tennessee, USA)

NASA Award

Carolyn Crow (University of California, Los Angeles, USA)
Brendan Haas (Washington University in St. Louis, USA)
Pierre Haenecour (Washington University in St. Louis, USA)
Romy Hanna (University of Texas, USA)
Jonathan Lewis (University of New Mexico, USA)
Josiah Lewis (Washington University in St. Louis, USA)
Nate Lanning (University of Tennessee, USA)
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Reto Trappitsch (University of Chicago, USA)
Chris Wetteland (University of Tennessee, USA)

NASA Mars Program Award
Jennifer Caseres (California Institute of Technology, USA)

International Meteorite Collectors Association – Brian Mason Award
Ellen Crapster-Pregont (Columbia University/American Museum of Natural History, USA)

Planetary Studies Foundation
Emilie Dunham (Arizona State University, USA)
Steven Jaret (State University of New York at Stonybrook, USA)

NIPR/JPRA Award
Junko Isa (University of California, Los Angeles, USA)
Atsushí Takenouchi (University of Tokyo, Japan)

JAXA/ISAS Award
Sayuri Yamashita (Tohoku University, Japan)
Daiki Yamamoto (Hokkaido University, Japan)

International Meteorite Collectors Association: Brian Mason Award

In 1997, Joel Schiff, the first editor of the popular Meteorite magazine, created a travel award in honor of Brian Mason, who was born in New Zealand but spent the majority of his career as a curator at the Smithsonian Institution. The award is given to a student attending the annual meeting of the Meteoritical Society who submits an abstract that clearly explains some exciting results that are of particular interest to readers of Meteorite magazine. The recipient is required to write a popular account of their work for the magazine. Since 2008, the award has been generously funded by the International Meteorite Collectors Association.

This year the Program Committee for the Berkeley (California) meeting selected Ellen Crapster-Pregont to win the Brian Mason Award. Ellen is a graduate student at Columbia University. She submitted an abstract entitled “Insights on Chondrule Formation from Electron Backscattered Diffraction of Chondrule Metal Layers in Acfer 139 (CR2).” The full author list was E J Crapster-Pregont, W H Towein, and D S Ebel.

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Please consider nominating a colleague for one of the Society’s awards. Nominations should be sent to Secretary Mike Weisberg (metsocsec@gmail.com) by 15 January (31 January for the Service Award and for the Paul Pellas–Graham Ryder Award). For more information and details on how to submit a nomination for any of these awards, please see the latest newsletter at the society website or email the secretary.

The society gives a number awards each year. The Leonard Medal honors outstanding contributions to the science of meteoritics and closely allied fields. The Barringer Medal and Award recognizes outstanding work in the field of impact cratering and/or work that has led to a better understanding of impact phenomena. The Nier Prize recognizes outstanding research in meteoritics and closely allied fields by young scientists (under 35). The Service Award honors members who have advanced the goals of the Meteoritical Society to promote research and education in meteoritics and planetary science in ways other than by conducting scientific research. The Paul Pellas–Graham Ryder Award is given for the best student paper in planetary science and is awarded jointly by the Meteoritical Society and the Planetary Geology Division of the Geological Society of America.