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Congratulations to **Luca Bindi**, Professor of Mineralogy and Crystallography at the University of Florence (Italy), who received the 2015 President of the Republic Prize from the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei (founded in 1603 and the oldest academy in the world). This prize is Italy's highest national achievement for science. The prize is awarded to outstanding scientists who have made distinguished contributions to the fields of physics, mathematics and the natural sciences. Professor Bindi's prize citation was as follows: "For the contribution Luca Bindi gave to mineralogy in general and in particular for the discovery of icosahedrite, the first natural quasicrystal, and the recent discovery of decagonite, the second natural quasicrystal with decagonal symmetry. His work has opened new challenges in solid-state chemistry, geology, astrophysics and cosmochemistry and changed our understanding of condensed matter." The prize was presented to Prof. Bindi by Sergio Mattarella, the President of Italy.



Luca Bindi (right) being congratulated by Sergio Mattarella, the President of Italy (left).



Chiara Anzolini (right) being congratulated by Sergio Mattarella, the President of Italy (left).

Congratulations also go to **Chiara Anzolini**, currently a PhD student at the Department of Geosciences in the University of Padova who received the 2015 Giuseppe Schiavinato Prize from the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei for having produced the best master's thesis in mineralogy (with applications to petrology) completed in an Italian university. Her thesis, "Thermoelastic Parameters of Coesite: Implications for Diamond Geobarometry," was supervised by Prof. Fabrizio Nestola and was selected by the Physics, Mathematics and Natural Sciences Commission. The prize was presented to Chiara by the President Sergio Mattarella.

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respective journals, by publishing papers from specific conferences, e.g. on radioactive waste management, or on mineral deposits. Watch out for these issues – we publicize them via the MSGBI member *E-Bulletin*, and occasionally on MSA-Talk. Our hybrid funding model means that we can offer some of these special issues as open access, alongside the regular, subscription-model issues. We will continue to push hard on all fronts and welcome offers from individual authors and from groups interested in publishing high-quality science in journals with good reputations and strong editing and production values.

EUROCLAY

At the time of writing, we have just completed the mammoth Euroclay 2015 meeting in Edinburgh. This event ran for seven days in early July and included five field trips, a workshop, a short-course, a range of social events (including a superb banquet at 'Our Dynamic Earth'), five parallel sessions and two poster sessions. Some 520 delegates, including 128 students, attended.

The conference was organized by Prof. Steve Hillier of the Hutton Institute in Aberdeen (Scotland) and was supported by a large team that included the programme and finance committees, session chairs and the staff of the Mineralogical Society (Russell Rajendra, Anna Lofts, Martin Hughes and Kevin Murphy).



From left to right: Ed Grew, Frances Wall, Simon Harley, Stuart Mills

Three society awards were made during the end-of-conference Awards Ceremony. Ed Grew received the Collins Medal, Simon Harley received the Schlumberger Medal, and Stuart Mills received the Hey Medal.

Make a nomination for the 2017 awards now (closing date 22 April 2016). Visit www.minersoc.org/Awards.html for more information.



The Hey, Schlumberger and Collins medals, respectively.

A fuller report of the meeting will be published online shortly.