



International Association of GeoChemistry

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IAG GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR 2015–2018

Not only does the Geoanalysis conference series work on a three-year schedule, so too does the membership of the Governing Council of our association. Subsequent to the call for nominations at the end April, the composition of the council for 2015 to 2018 was announced in Leoben. For the coming three years, the International Association of Geoanalysts will be led by the following people:

PRESIDENT: Thomas Meisel

VICE-PRESIDENT: Jacinta Enzweiler

HONORARY SECRETARY: Jennifer Cook

HONORARY TREASURER: Christopher Jackson

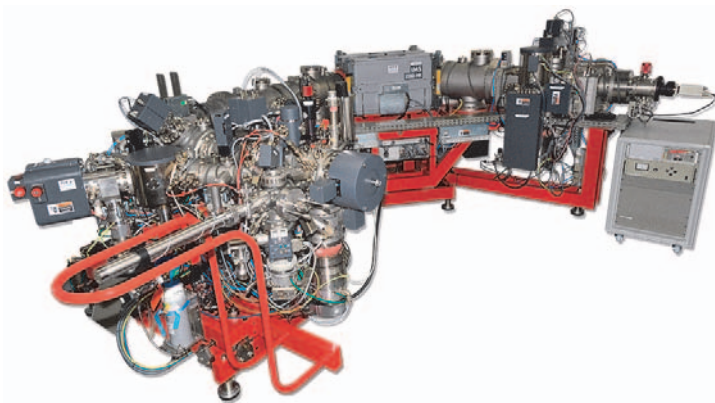
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Michael Wiedenbeck

REGULAR MEMBERS: Mathieu Benoit, Jerome Chmelleff, Regina Mertz-Kraus, Doug Miles, Phil Potts, Martin Rosner

It is permitted for the newly seated council to recruit additional regular members via a majority vote by the council. Council can also co-opt people closely associated with key IAG activities, such as the manager of the *Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research* editorial office and the leader of the *GeoPT* proficiency testing programme. Any decisions to expand the membership of the Governing Council will be reported in a future *Elements* society news item.

SIMS COURSE 2016

The IAG has approved sponsorship of the short course "Introduction to Secondary Ion Mass Spectrometry in the Earth Sciences", which will be held in Potsdam, Germany on 7–15 November 2016. The final two days of this programme will be devoted to optional visits to institutes in Dresden (accelerator SIMS) and Leipzig (NanoSIMS and Time-of-flight SIMS). Details of how to apply to attend will soon be available under www.gfz-potsdam.de/SIMS/short-course.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Ian Cartwright

I am writing this having just attended the 11th Conference on Applied Isotope Geochemistry (AIG-11), held 21–25 September 2015 in Orléans (France). This was the latest in a long series of stimulating meetings organised by the working groups of the IAGC that combine high-quality presentations on a variety of topics with ample opportunities for networking and informal discussions. The meeting was splendidly organised by the Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières (BRGM) and was attended by over 90 participants from several countries. I was particularly impressed by the standard of presentations from the research students and postdoctoral fellows, both in terms of content and depth of understanding. A fuller report of AIG-11 will be presented on the IAGC web page in due course, and for those of you who have not attended one of the working group meetings I recommend that you to add it to your to-do lists.



Participants of the 11th Applied Isotope Geochemistry IAGC Working Group meeting in Orléans, France, 21–25 September 2015

While at Orléans, we took the opportunity to have an IAGC business meeting because there were several of the committee in attendance. Of the topics discussed were improving the procedures for nominating scientists for the IAGC awards and the publication awards. The committee will engage with the broader society over these important issues over the coming months. We are also eager to hear from our members as to ways in which the society might do things better in the future.

So as 2015 winds down and we get ready for winter/summer (depending on which hemisphere you find yourself in), I wish the membership all the best for 2016 and hope that your endeavours in geochemistry are fruitful.

Ian Cartwright, President IAGC