REPORT OF EMU ACTIVITIES 2012–2016

The European Mineralogical Union (EMU) Executive Committee met in September 2017 at emc2016 (Rimini, Italy). Here follows a short summary of the major points and conclusions from that EMU meeting.

The main achievements of 2012–2016 were EMU’s publishing activities (the EMU Notes in Mineralogy series), the organization of EMU ‘Schools’, the organization of conferences (the European Mineralogical Conference and the Goldschmidt Conference), and awarding scientists who have shown exceptional contributions to their field either with an EMU Research Excellence Medal, an EMU poster prize, or with an EMU grant.

The EMU Notes in Mineralogy series continues to grow. Previously published volumes have now been digitized and are available through GeoScienceWorld. During 2012–2016, five volumes were issued. Among them, EMU12 Raman Spectroscopy Applied to Earth Sciences and Cultural Heritage achieved the greatest interest. The next four volumes will be released in accordance with the latest trends in our science. To enhance commissioning, production, and marketing, a new agreement has been signed with the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland (MSGBI). The production of the Notes is currently a major expense, but that expense has been counterbalanced by improved sales. Income is steadily growing, reaching a record high in 2016. Collaboration with the Mineralogical Society of America (MSA) on educational and publishing projects resulted in EMU Notes being advertised and sold on MSA’s website.

The EMU has, since the very beginning, supported the European Mineralogical Journal. The EMU participates in that journal’s managing committee meetings, nominates one of the chief editors, and helps to solve problems related to the choice of associate editors and to editorial policy.

After the success of Goldschmidt 2013 (Florence, Italy), where mineralogy played a more important role than usual, the European Association of Geochemistry (EAG) provided various slots for EMU activities at Goldschmidt 2015 (Prague, Czech Republic). The same is planned for Goldschmidt 2017 (Paris, France).

The most important award given each year is the EMU Research Excellence Medal. During 2012–2016, Richard Harrison, Diego Gatta, Ravan Caracas, Encarnación Ruiz-Aguado, István Kovács, and Sylvie Demouchy were honoured with this prestigious distinction. Also important are the conference-related EMU prizes. In 2012–2016, EMU awarded 14 poster prizes and awarded grants to dozens of young scientists.

Another very important area of EMU activity is school organization. One occurred in Vienna (Austria) shortly after emc2016, MK2016 - Mineral Reaction Kinetics: Microstructures, Textures, Chemical and Isotopic Signatures. The next school will be called Mineral Fibres: Mineral Reaction Kinetics: Microstructures, Textures, Chemical and Isotopic Signatures. The next school will be called Mineral Fibres: Microstructures, Textures, Chemical and Isotopic Signatures.

The committee also discussed the importance of cooperation with other international organizations. Cooperation enhances development and promotes the mineralogical sciences. It is very important to have a forum for discussion and a fast way to communicate news of mineralogical interest in Europe. It seems to be necessary to build and maintain an EMU talk list that can include scientists, students, and mineral collectors. This report shows not only the measures and activities undertaken by the EMU Executive Committee but also shows their positive role. For these activities, the outgoing committee deserves the highest appreciation.

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CALENDAR

2017

February 26–March 2 TMS Annual Meeting & Exhibition, San Diego, CA, USA. Web page: www.tms.org/meetings/annual-17/AM17home.aspx


April 2–5 AAPG 2017 Annual Convention, Houston, TX. Web page: www.aapg.org/events/conferences/ace

April 2–6 253rd ACS National Meeting & Exposition, San Francisco, CA, USA. Web page: www.acs.org


April 17–21 2017 MRS Spring Meeting & Exhibit, Phoenix, AZ, USA. Web page: www.mrs.org/spring2017/


May 7–11 EMAS 2017 / IUMAS-7: European Workshop on Modern Developments and Applications in Microbeam Analysis, Konstanz, Germany. Web page: www.microbeam-analysis.eu

May 9–11 Chondrules as Astrophysical Objects, Vancouver, BC, Canada. Web page: chondrules.phas.ubc.ca/


May 25–27 2nd North American Workshop on Laser Ablation (NAWLA’17), San Antonio, TX USA. Web page: nalaneworkshop.wesleyby.com

May 26–30 American Crystallographic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, USA. Web page: www.americ.crystallography.org/content/12/annual-meeting

June 11–16 11th International Symposium on the Geochemistry of the Earth’s Surface (GES-11), Guiyang, China. Web page: www.datas-online.com/geochemistry


June 12–17 3rd Planetary Data Workshop, Flagstaff, AZ, USA. Web page: www.hou.usra.edu/meetings/planetdata2017/


July 23–28 Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society, Santa Fe, NM, USA. Details forthcoming.

August 4–9 Magmatism of the Earth and Related Strategic Metal Deposits, Missa, Russia. Web page: emsmd.ru/


August 20–24 254th ACS National Meeting & Exposition, Washington, DC, USA. Web page: www.acs.org


August 20–29 12th International Ecocide Conference (IEC), Äre, Sweden. Web page: www.geology.lu.se/IEC

August 21–27 XXIV Congress and International Assembly of the International Union of Crystallography, Hyderabad, India. Website: www.iucr2017.org

September 12–14 Annual Meeting of Japan Association of Mineralogical Science, Echime, Japan. Details forthcoming.


September 15–22 Applied Isotope Geochemistry 12 (AIG-12), Copper Mountain, CO, USA. Website: www.appliedisotopegeochemistry.org

The meetings convened by the societies participating in Elements are highlighted in yellow. This meetings calendar was compiled by Andrea Kozioł (more meetings are listed at the calendar she maintains at https://sites.google.com/a/udayton.edu/akoziol1/home/mineralogy-and-petrology-meetings). To get meeting information listed, please contact her at akoziol1@udayton.edu