

# Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland

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## ALL CHANGE FOR MINSOC JOURNALS



With effect from 2017, the two journals published by the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland (*Mineralogical Magazine* and *Clay Minerals*) will become effectively 'online only'. We have reduced the price of the journal to reflect the change in our costs. Devotees of the printed copy can still purchase the paper versions of the journals with an additional payment. The response from our readers and members since our initial announcement in 2016, has been overwhelmingly positive. Relieved librarians no longer need to find homes for papers journals!

We are ready to help any reader who has difficulty in making the transition to online only. Please contact us at [admin@minersoc.org](mailto:admin@minersoc.org). To help streamline the transition, a single annual payment of membership dues to the society now also covers access to the journals. Members simply go to [www.minersoc.org](http://www.minersoc.org), click on "Member login" (you'll need to register the first time you use it) and from there you'll be able to access all of *Clay Minerals*, *Mineralogical Magazine* and indeed, *Elements*, online, without further barrier. And don't forget – our journal archives (from the 1876 to 1999) are available free of charge to all readers.

Now more than ever, it is important to keep the mineral community informed about new content published in our journals. We'll be doing this via social media, list-serves and by means of our E-Bulletin. We will also be encouraging authors to do likewise, i.e. promote their own published work. With on-line access now generally the norm, the mineralogical community has a huge choice in terms of what to read. Let's make sure they read an MSGBI article!

We welcome your feedback. Please email [kevin@minersoc.org](mailto:kevin@minersoc.org) or any of the Principal Editors.

## CLAY MINERALS

*Clay Minerals* is the official journal of the European Clay Groups Association. The journal has recently been undergoing significant change: we have remodelled our Editorial Board and appointed some new representatives of the national societies. We have appointed a new 'Management Committee', which will include representatives of the European societies. First to occupy the editorial hot seats are Bruno Lanson (France), Reiner Dohrmann (Germany), Chris Greenwell (UK) and Javier Huertas (Spain). They will meet regularly with the Principal Editor, George Christidis, and the Executive Director of the Mineralogical Society, Kevin Murphy.

In addition, we now have in place a system for securing and publishing timely, high-quality review papers. And we have deployed a new manuscript tracking system with the intention of completing peer review for the vast bulk of manuscripts in not more than 10 weeks. We will couple this with online pre-publication of accepted papers within 1 or 2 days of acceptance and with short acceptance to formal publication times.

The remit of our journal has moved more towards applied clay science, especially in the area of clay chemistry, and our new editorial board reflects this change (<http://www.minersoc.org/cm-editors.html>).

Most importantly of all, we aim to make the published content available to as wide an audience as possible. From 2017 onwards, all members of the national European Clay Groups will be able to subscribe to *Clay Minerals* direct (at [www.minersoc.org](http://www.minersoc.org) – click on "join") or via the national group for a fee of just £30 or €35.

## WEBSITE

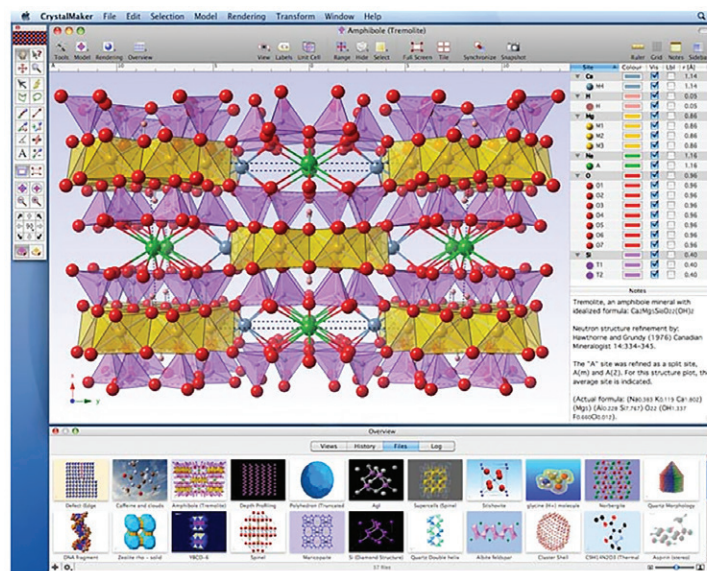
Websites seem to go through a life cycle of about five years. At first, they feel very fresh and new, then they go a little bit stale, and finally you can't wait to change them! The Mineralogical Society has arrived at that final stage. So... it is with great pleasure that we have launched our revised website, still at [www.minersoc.org](http://www.minersoc.org). I'm sure you'll agree that it looks fresh and modern. In addition to the good looks, we are afforded a more robust security system; we can embed more readily the burgeoning social media presence of the society and our special interest groups; and we can create more sub-sites with inherent architecture, which is useful for building pages for conferences, etc. (Aideen Murphy is acknowledged for her help in creating the new pages and moving and updating the content from the old site.) Feedback is always welcome.

## DHZ

Sales of *An Introduction to the Rock-Forming Minerals* (3<sup>rd</sup> edition by Deer, Howie and Zussman, 2013, Mineralogical Society) published about four years ago, continue to go very well. Please note that an updated version (ver. 9) of the online supplement (*Crystalviewer*) has been uploaded at <http://crystallmaker.com/dhz>. This is available for free, for anyone to download: give yourself a colourful crystallochemical treat and take a look.

## An Introduction to the Rock-Forming Minerals

A warm welcome to CrystalMaker Software Ltd, the authors of CrystalViewer™.  
Learn about our professional software, and download CrystalViewer for DHZ.



Our flagship "CrystalMaker" program lets you build, display, and manipulate all kinds of crystal & molecular structures.

**SOCIETY AWARDS**

Make a nomination for the 2018 awards (closing date 22 April 2017). Visit [www.minersoc.org/Awards.html](http://www.minersoc.org/Awards.html) for more information.

**Hey Medal**

“To recognize existing and ongoing research of excellence carried out by young workers, within the fields of either Mineralogy, Crystallography, Petrology or Geochemistry. Evidence of excellence should be in the form of work published in highly regarded, international scientific journals. Nominated candidates do not necessarily need to be Members of the Mineralogical Society. On the closing date for nominations, candidates must be within 15 years of the award of their first degree, except where there has been a career break, detailed in the nomination, in which case the committee chair may agree to accept nominations from candidates for whom the first degree was awarded more than 15 years previously.”



2016 winner: Philip Pogge von Strandmann (presentation by President H. Downes)

**Collins Medal**

“The Collins Medal will be awarded annually to a scientist who, during a long and active career, has made an outstanding contribution to pure or applied aspects of Mineral Sciences and associated studies. Publications, teaching, outreach and other activities leading to the promotion of mineral sciences, in the broadest sense, will be taken into account in making the award. Nominees do not have to be Members of the Mineralogical Society or nationals of Great Britain and Ireland.”



2016 winner: M. Jeff Wilson (presentation by President H. Downes)

**Mineralogical Society-Schlumberger Award**

“To recognize scientific excellence in mineralogy and its applications; mineralogy being broadly defined and reflecting the diverse and worldwide interests and membership of the Society with its various specialist groups. Evidence of such excellence should be in the form of published work by a currently active scientist. Nominations on behalf of both younger scientists and well-established workers would be welcomed. Nominees do not have to be Members of the Mineralogical Society.”



2016 winner: Liane Benning

**2017 MEDAL RECIPIENTS**

Hey Medal	<b>Victoria Coker</b> (University of Manchester, UK)
Collins Medal	<b>Bruce W.D. Yardley</b> (Radioactive Waste Management Ltd., UK)
Mineralogical Society-Schlumberger Award	<b>Margaret (Maggie) Cusack</b> (University of Glasgow, Scotland)

Congratulations to all!

**Howie Best Paper Award**

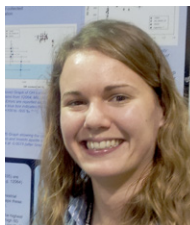


At the same time, please consider a nomination for the Howie Award.

An award will be made annually to “the lead author of the ‘best paper’ published (in English) in a mineralogical journal (*sensu lato*) within three years of award of his/her PhD”. Details of the nomination process are given at: <http://www.minersoc.org/best-paper1.html>.

The award will take the form of a bursary (£1,000) to attend an international conference (to be agreed with the society) to present a paper which will be entitled the “R.A. Howie Memorial Lecture”. The money will be paid on receipt of an official confirmation of registration for the conference.

The “R.A. Howie Memorial Lecture” Award is named in honour of Prof. R.A. Howie (1923–2012) who was a distinguished professor of mineralogy at Kings College London and Royal Holloway University, London (both UK).



The 2015 winner of the Howie Award was **Jessica J. Barnes**

The winning paper was:

Barnes JJ, Tartèse R, Anand M, McCubbin FM, Franchi IA, Starkey NA, Russell SS (2014) The origin of water in the primitive Moon as revealed by the lunar highlands samples. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters* 390: 244-252.

Jessica used the prize fund to attend and speak at the Microscopy and Microanalysis 2016 meeting hosted by the Microscopy Society of America in Columbus (Ohio, USA).

**NEW SOCIETY TRUSTEES**

With effect from 2017, the MSGBI welcomes the following new officers and trustees:

<b>General Secretary</b> (2017–2022)	Jana Horák
<b>Public Relations Officer</b> (2017–2022)	Philip Pogge von Strandmann
Three <b>Ordinary members of Council</b> (2017–2019)	Clare Warren Chiara Petrone Sam Broom-Fendley
Two <b>Custodian Trustees</b>	David Wray John Bowles
<b>Distinguished Lecturer Coordinator</b>	David Pyle
<b>Awards Committee Chair</b>	Kathryn Goodenough

Welcome and thanks to them all for their service to the society.