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WRI-16 AND AIG-13: THE 1st IAGC INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Next year, like every three years, the Water-Rock Interaction (WRI) Working Group of the International Association of GeoChemistry (IAGC) will meet for a week of science and collegiality in a unique region of the world. For the first time, the Water-Rock Interaction and the Applied Isotope Geochemistry (AIG) Working Groups will organize a joint symposium, which has been consolidated as the **1st IAGC International Conference**. We hope to attract researchers and scholars from the fields of geochemistry, hydrology, geology, and environmental sciences, as well as colleagues from applied isotope geochemistry, to share their scientific findings and exchange ideas at the 1st IAGC International Conference, which will be held **21–26 July 2019 in Tomsk (Russia)**. The consolidated conference is planned



to be a week-long meeting, with the technical program operating at two levels – first, as sets of technical sessions organized by both working groups around themes of their choice; second, as multiple inter-disciplinary symposia developed by the conference organizers. The local committee, led by Secretary General Natalia Guseva of the Tomsk Polytechnic University, is developing an interesting scientific program that will include pre- and post-conference excursions and opportunities to experience the culture of Siberia and Russia.

Participants interested in both the WRI and the AIG are asked to sign up on the WRI-16 website (<http://wri16.com/>). Manuscript submission is now open and instructions regarding format and content can be found under <http://wri16.com/submission/paper-instruction>. Authors are invited to submit no more than two manuscripts written in English **by 15 October 2018**. The early registration deadline for the conference is **15 February 2019**, followed by a late registration deadline of **30 March 2019**.

IAGC AWARD NOMINATIONS

The International Association of GeoChemistry is a private, not-for-profit international organization committed to excellence in the geochemical sciences. The association promotes the application of chemistry across the entire spectrum of the earth and environmental sciences. This is accomplished through sponsoring scientific conferences and educational activities, establishing internal specialist working groups, and disseminating new geochemical knowledge through scientific publishing, such as the IAGC's journal, *Applied Geochemistry*, and, of course, through *Elements*.

The IAGC encourages contributions to the field of geochemistry by recognizing individuals for outstanding scientific accomplishments, in the form of grants, certificates, awards, and medals.

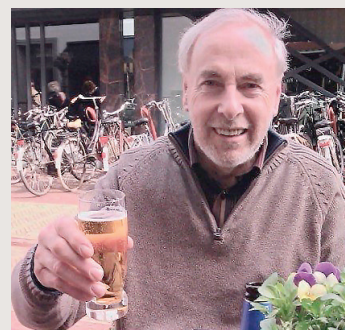
A notable example is the Ingerson International Lecturer Award, based on a bequest by the first President of the IAGC, Dr. Earl Ingerson. An IAGC Ingerson International Lecturer is selected every two years; the

award consists of a certificate and a complementary one-year membership to the IAGC. The lecture is scheduled either at an International Geological Congress, at a suitable scientific meeting organized by an IAGC Working Group, or at some other prestigious international/national meeting of another scientific society during the second year after an International Geological Congress. The lecturer is expected to be available for seminars at academic and research institutions during the following two years and to publish an article in the IAGC's journal *Applied Geochemistry* during their term.

Another example is the Faure Award, which is given to the best student research presentation at each IAGC-sponsored conference or IAGC-organized technical session at a major conference. A student research presentation is defined as one with a student as senior author that is presented at the meeting by the student. This award consists of a certificate and a complementary one-year membership to IAGC. In addition, there will be a profile of the award recipient in the *IAGC Newsletter* and on the IAGC's website.

We strongly encourage members to nominate those peers and colleagues who have made significant contributions to the advancement of geochemistry for one or more of the numerous IAGC awards. A complete list of IAGC awards, plus the nomination instructions, can be found at the IAGC website: <http://www.iagc-society.org/awards.html>.

REMEMBRANCE – MELVYN (MEL) GASCOYNE (1948–2018)



Mel Gascoyne passed away 14 July 2018 after a career of scientific contributions to geochemistry and a record of distinguished service to the geochemical community. Mel served as an associate editor for *Applied Geochemistry* for 23 years, from 1988 to 2011, handling manuscripts on nuclear waste disposal, radioactivity in the environment, formation waters, and U-series geochronology. During this time, Mel also served as IAGC Secretary from 1992 to 2002 and then as Business Office Manager from 2003 to 2010. To many in the geochemical community, Mel is best known for the generous time commitments and his ability to promote science. He served the science he loved through lengthy years of dedicated service, particularly to the IAGC and its journal, *Applied Geochemistry*. Appropriately, Mel received the IAGC Distinguished Service Award in 2011. The geochemistry community mourns his passing.