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Meetings in Europe permit some delegates to travel by rail, a more environmentally friendly mode of transport than flying. Train travel is efficient and quite practical in Europe, because of both the high population density and the excellent infrastructure. However, nearly 30% of delegates who came to Barcelona (Spain) this year came from Asia or Australia. Another 22% came from North America. We do not have good data on how many of our European attendees actually took the train (as opposed to flying). Every year, irrespective of where the conference is held, the two largest countries in terms of delegates attending are the US and China.

The Geochemical Society is international. Our members come from >70 countries and have the following breakdown: 50% North America; 28% Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, and the Middle East; 22% Europe. At first glance, Hawai‘i may not seem like a good place to hold Goldschmidt, since nearly everyone has to fly there. But for many scientists from Asia, Australia, and New Zealand, Hawai‘i will present the shortest distance of travel to the conference they have had since the 2016 meeting in Yokohama (Japan). It’s also closer for many people in western North America than meetings in Europe. From our experience in 2016, we know that more Asian and Australian scientists are likely to attend next year because the venue is easier to reach. This will accomplish the important goal of making Goldschmidt accessible to scientists from all parts of the world, even if some who live farther from Hawai‘i decide not to attend. Note that nearly 800 Japanese scientists participated in the Yokohama meeting, compared to 180 in Barcelona.

As we look into the future, the travel required to reach the conference venue will be a major consideration for the societies. So will energy conservation programs being offered by the convention centers. We are happy to say that the Hawai‘i Convention Center relies largely on passive cooling, and, thus, consumes far less energy than the substantial amounts required to actively cool most other large centers. We are also exploring options such as recording sessions so that people who cannot attend the meeting can still benefit from some aspects of it. We are increasing the options for networking and interaction while at the conference and looking for ways to maximize the overall value of the conference experience.

Travel and human interaction are still very important to the endeavor of science. Figuring out how to achieve this while reducing our carbon footprint is a real challenge that will require many complementary solutions. We look forward to hearing your ideas at gsoffice@geochemsoc.org. Comments sent to this address will be shared with the leadership of both societies.

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