

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Reinhard X. Fischer

Dear friends and members of the DMG,

The concluding remark in my message in the February 2020 issue (v16n1) of *Elements* was "The next council meeting of the DMG will be integrated into the 3rd European Mineralogical Conference in Krakow (Poland), which will be held 6–10 September 2020." Then the coronavirus hit. As a result, the European Mineralogical Conference 2020 (emc²⁰²⁰) was postponed to 2021, which itself caused a series of knock-on effects. The joint meeting of the DMG with the Austrian and Slovakian mineralogical societies, originally scheduled for 2021 in Vienna (Austria), had to be shifted to another year. And the idea of celebrating the 100th DMG meeting in 2022 in Cologne (the German city of our first meeting in 1908) might now be jeopardized by being one meeting short, so messing up the count. We did manage to set up an electronic platform to present the results of recent scientific work, which could be considered to be the 98th DMG meeting under very special circumstances. Then, the 3rd emc in Krakow in 2021 would be our 99th meeting and the anniversary in 2022 could be celebrated back on schedule. Nevertheless, we still have to schedule our council meeting and our general assembly of members. This will be organized as a combination of personal gathering, online voting, and video conference, and we will keep you updated via the DMG mailing list and our journal *GMit* (*Geowissenschaftliche Mitteilungen*).

It is my great pleasure to announce that Prof. Dr. Ekkehart Tillmanns from the University of Vienna will receive the gold Abraham Gottlob Werner Medal of the DMG for his outstanding commitment to the development of mineralogy. Born in 1941 in Münster, Tillmanns studied mineralogy at the universities of Tübingen and Göttingen (both Germany), and obtained his PhD (Dr. rer. nat.) at the University of Bochum (Germany). He was appointed professor of mineralogy and crystallography at the universities of Mainz and Würzburg (both Germany), and finally Vienna, where he retired in 2009. From 2010

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to 2012, he served as President of the International Mineralogical Association. During his long career, he continuously promoted mineralogical topics the world over.

The increasing complexity in the administration of our society prompted us to appoint Klaus-Dieter Grevel, our secretary, as business manager of the DMG. Among his tasks will be the management of the online database, assistance to the president, organizing board meetings,

cooperating with other societies, coordinating member administration, and updating our archive. This will be done in close collaboration with our bursar, Andreas Nägele, and our treasurer, Gerhard Franz. This is a step closer to our society being more professionally managed.

Our representative on the managing committee of the *European Journal of Mineralogy* (*EJM*), Gerhard Franz, informed us that the transition of the *EJM* to becoming a fully open access journal went very smoothly, and we hope that all problems concerning DMG members having access to back issues were solved – for any continuing problems, please contact Klaus-Dieter Grevel or Gerhard Franz. Our new publisher, Copernicus, has hired Dr. Johannes Wagner, a mineralogist from the Technische Universität Berlin and the GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam, as the new *EJM* editor and the person largely responsible for keeping standards high. Submit your manuscripts to the *EJM* and *support journals from learned societies!* See: <https://www.european-journal-of-mineralogy.net/>.

I hope that I can write my next From the President when daily life has returned to something like normal. We all want to interact with colleagues and students again, but the enforced social distancing has had the benefit of making us use online tools to improve (or, at least, vary) the way we can communicate. I expect there to be a big step towards online tutorials and workshops in the future. Thus, there might be some advancements emerging from this difficult period.

All the best,
Reinhard X. Fischer (DMG President)

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