SIMP HONORARY FELLOWSHIP FOR 2019

We are pleased to announce that the SIMP Honorary Fellowship for 2019 has been awarded to Dr Mark Welch. Mark is a mineralogical crystallographer at the Natural History Museum in London (UK). His main research interests over the past 30 years relate to quantifying the states of long- and short-range atomic order (including H behaviour) and structural phase transitions in geologically important hydrous minerals. The geological context for most of his research is the mineralogy of “cold” subduction zones and the deep continental crust. Many of his studies have involved experiments on hydrous minerals at high pressure and high temperature. He has used a wide range of techniques, including X-ray diffraction, neutron diffraction, synchrotron radiation, vibrational spectroscopy (both infrared and Raman) and nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. He has many long-standing collaborations with colleagues in Italy over the past 25 years and continues to develop new research links between the UK and Italy.

LUIGI TARTUFARI AWARDS

Congratulations to Diego Perugini, Professor of Petrology at the University of Perugia (Italy) for being awarded the 2020 “Prof. Luigi Tartufari” International Prize from the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei. The prize is awarded to outstanding geoscientists. Diego’s main research interests are modelling the mobility of chemical elements in compositionally heterogeneous magmatic systems and investigating the fluid dynamics of magma chambers, including the geodynamic implications of magmatic activities in several areas around the Mediterranean. The prize was awarded by the President of Italy, Sergio Mattarella, at the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei in Rome.

SIMP COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce a new SIMP communication committee whose board (all from Italy) is composed by Matteo Alvaro (University of Pavia); Alessandra Montanini (University of Parma); Sabrina Nazzareni (University of Perugia); Giulia Consuma (University of Bologna); Luca Samuele Capizzi (University La Sapienza Roma); Francesca Miozzi (University of Milano); Marta Morana (University of Pavia); Mara Murri (University of Milano Bicocca); and Alessandro Pisello (University of Perugia).

Through SIMP’s social media, the committee disseminates news of the scientific activities of SIMP’s members and promotes society initiatives such as the #SIMPaper, #ThinsectionThursday and #Field/ LabWorkFriday! Please see the following:

- Facebook: SIMP – Società Italiana di Mineralogia e Petrologia
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Sabrina Nazzareni (University of Perugia)
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