With great pleasure Priv.-Doz. Dr. Melanie Kaliwoda has accepted the position as German representative of the International Mineralogical Association (IMA) in December 2021. She follows Prof. Dr. Gerhard Brey, who held this position for more than seven years and performed his work in the IMA always conscientiously and with enthusiasm. In addition to her role as the new IMA speaker of the German group, Melanie has also been the German speaker of the IMA Commission on Museums (IMA CM) since 2017 and in this function has participated, among other things, in the 2018 IMA meeting in Melbourne (Australia) and in 2021 the 9th International Conference Mineralogy and Museums (MM9) meeting in Sophia (Bulgaria). The IMA CM is currently in the process of revising its homepage and also meeting more often in online meetings to better connect international and national projects of researchers and museum curators. Scientifically, Melanie works on ophiolites, mantle rocks, and meteorites. She supervises her own Raman spectroscopy group, which supported her in establishing a new Raman database. In addition, she is the vice director of the Mineralogische Staatssammlung München (Mineralogical State Collection Munich, Germany) and the associated Museum Mineralogia Munich (Germany).

Dr. Malte Junge followed Dr. Hans-Jürgen Bernhardt as the German representative in the IMA Commission of Ore Minerals (IMA COM). Since January 2022, he has been temporarily serving as chairman of the IMA COM. In 2021, he had established new monthly online meetings for scientific exchange and promotion of ore mineralogy as a first initiative. Malte primarily studies ore minerals and ore deposits but also ophiolites. Since June 2020, Malte has been employed as a scientist and curator at the Mineralogische Staatssammlung München. He also curates mineralogical exhibitions within the Museum Mineralogia Munich.

DMG WORKING GROUP ON MINERALOGICAL MUSEUMS AND COLLECTIONS

Annual Meeting 2021 – Report

The 17th meeting of the DMG Working Group on Mineralogical Museums and Collections took place on 26–27 July 2021 in the Zwickau Art Collections in the Max Pechstein Museum (Germany). In addition to talks by the members of the working group on scientific issues and on specific developments of the individual museums and collections, there was also plenty of time for mutual exchange. The meetings of the working group enable insights into the current exhibitions of the mineralogical museums and the development of the collections. The working group thus serves the purpose of scientific exchange, but also allows important discussions to be held (e.g., regarding current conservational changes and guidelines). Sven Neuhaus, the curator of the Mineralogical Department of the Max Pechstein Museum, gave a tour through the Mineralogical and Geological Collections in Zwickau and guided an excursion to the Cainsdorf Bridge. The excursion provided an opportunity for material from the carbon outcrop in Zwickau to be directly sampled for collections. After seven years, Dr. Birgit Kreher-Hartmann (Mineralogical Collection of the Friedrich Schiller University, Germany) has handed over the office of spokeswoman for the working group to Dr. Dorothée Kleinschrot (Mineralogical Collection of the University of Würzburg, Germany).