SEM 2022 ANNUAL MEETING IN BAEZA

The 39th Annual Meeting of the Spanish Mineralogical Society (SEM) will be held in Baeza (Jaén, Spain) on June 28–July 1, 2022. It will be organized by the University of Jaén and coordinated by Isabel Abad and África Yebra. This year we have a special meeting as it is coorganized with the Spanish Clays Society (SEA) with which there is a long and close relationship.

The program for the SEM-SEA 2022 meeting includes the following:

A two-day workshop seminar entitled “Continental sediment metal contamination by agricultural, industrial and mining activities: mineral processes and bioavailability.” This workshop will take place on June 28–29, and the speakers will include scientists and professionals of international prestige in this field. The aim of the seminar is to present and discuss new perspectives and ideas about metal contamination in sediments mediated by anthropic activities, particularly for young scientists. The second day includes a scientific excursion to the Linares Mining District (metal(loid)s transport in hydrographic networks of mining basins). The lectures will be published in volume 15 of the journal Seminarios de la Sociedad Española de Mineralogía.

On June 30–July 1 will take place the scientific sessions which include oral presentations and poster sessions, as well as three plenary lectures on topics of general interest. Communications in the fields of clays, mineralogy, petrology, and geochemistry may be submitted. The main objective is to hold high-quality scientific sessions that become a platform for debate, the exchange of ideas, and the establishment of new scientific collaborations. All of these scientific contributions will be published in volume 26 of Macla, the journal of the SEM.

For updated information, please go to www.semsea2022.es

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MINERALS 2021 BEST PHD THESIS AWARD

Núria Pujol-Solà defended her Ph.D. thesis on June 30th, 2021 at the University of Barcelona, Spain. Her thesis entitled “Diverse origin and processes in the formation of diamond and other exotic minerals in ophiolitic chromitites” was supervised by Dr. Joaquín A. Proenza from the University of Barcelona and Dr. Antonio García Casco from the University of Granada, Spain. She investigated the petrogenetic aspects for the formation of unusual phases in ophiolitic chromitites from Cuba and Morocco, providing the first ever report in nature of in situ nanodiamond within methane-rich olivine-hosted fluid inclusions. Her new observations and interpretations support the idea of metastable diamond growth during low-pressure serpentinization. She has now received the Minerals 2021 Best Ph.D. thesis Award that recognizes her work. (https://www.mdpi.com/journal/minerals/awards).