



News from the IMA

The International Mineralogical Association (IMA) was founded in 1958 and is supported by 34 national mineralogical organizations worldwide. News of its activities will become a regular feature of *Elements*. Communication during the four-year interval between its main scientific meetings has always presented a problem for IMA, and *Elements* presents a historic opportunity to make our activities visible to the international membership.

Following IMA Business Meetings at the recent International Geological Congress in Florence, we can announce several developments:

Following a year-long competition, IMA Council has chosen a logo.

IMA now has its own domain name www.ima-mineralogy.org. A much enlarged website, which includes IMA news and links to websites of supporting organizations, is now online.

IMA 2006 will be held from 23 to 28 July, in Kobe, Japan. Visit www.congre.co.jp/ima2006/

IMA 2010 will be held in Budapest under the chairmanship of Prof. Ekkehart Tillmans of Austria.

Finally we are delighted to welcome into the IMA the national mineralogical society of Uzbekistan.



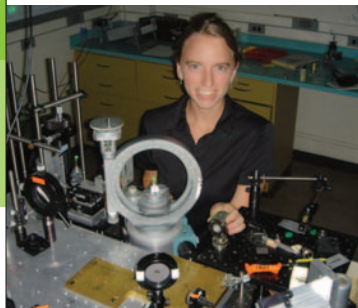
Ian Parsons,
President of IMA

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NOTE FROM THE EDITORS:
We will regularly publish short news items on people. We rely on you to send news about your colleagues and about yourself.



Jennifer Jackson in her lab

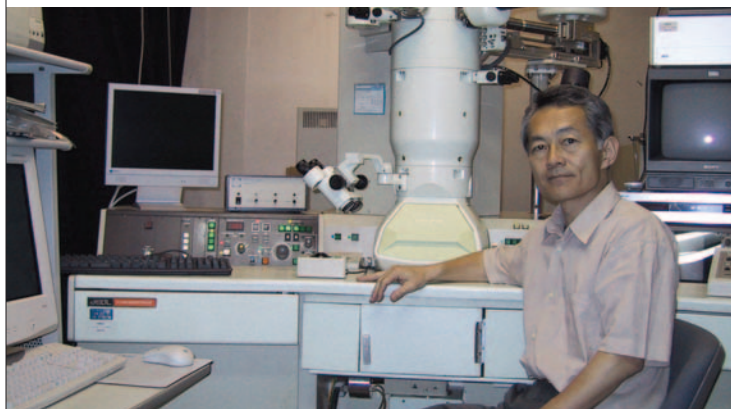
JOHN C. JAMIESON AWARD TO JACKSON

In the summer of 2004, Jennifer Jackson received the John C. Jamieson Award at the Gordon Conference on Research at High-Pressure for her excellent contribution to the field of high-pressure science. She also received the Harriet Wallace Award for being an outstanding woman geoscientist in the Department of Geology at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, where she is finishing her PhD in the area of deep-Earth mineral physics. Her research interests are focused around the large-scale behavior of planetary interiors through direct examination of mineral properties under extreme conditions of pressure and temperature. She uses Brillouin spectroscopy and diamond anvil cells to measure the sound velocities of minerals under high pressure.

MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF JAPAN AWARD TO MURAKAMI

Professor Takashi Murakami received the Mineralogical Society of Japan Award, the highest award bestowed by the Society for scientific eminence as represented primarily by scientific publication of outstanding original research in mineralogy. It has been awarded since 1995. Previous winners include Masao Kitamura (Kyoto University) in 1995, Izumi Nakai (Tokyo University of Sciences) and Jyunji Akai (Niigata University) in 2002, Kazushige Tomeoka (Kobe University) and Katsuyuki Kawamura (Tokyo Institute of Technology) in 2003.

Takashi Murakami is professor of mineralogy at the University of Tokyo. He is interested in the fundamental processes, kinetics, and mechanisms of mineral-water-atmosphere interactions at the Earth's surface. His main research programs are: 1) laboratory and field experiments of dissolution and weathering of silicate minerals and the effects of dissolution and weathering on element transport, and 2) Precambrian weathering and its relation to atmospheric carbon dioxide and oxygen evolution. He teaches mineralogy for undergraduates and environmental mineralogy at the graduate level.



Professor Takashi Murakami working on the TEM