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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

This year, the IAGC is sponsoring several meetings.



Goldschmidt Conference

The 16th Annual Goldschmidt Conference will take place in Melbourne, Australia, from 27 August to 1 September. The IAGC is a co-sponsor of the meeting, which is convened by the Geochemical Society. Conference themes include geochemical techniques, mineral deposits, the solar system, constraints on timescales, biogeochemistry, aquatic geochemistry, surface processes, and ocean chemistry. The deadline for receipt of abstracts was April 13. Full details can be found at www.goldschmidt.org

ISEG-7

The 7th International Symposium on Environmental Geochemistry (ISEG-7) is to be held from 25 to 30 September 2006 in Beijing, China. IAGC support is being provided for this meeting. The main themes of the conference will be geochemical records of change and contamination, geochemistry and health, fragile habitats (e.g. karst), organic pollutants, coal, water resources, environmental management and analytical geochemistry. Abstracts are due by 30 April and registration by 31 July 2006.

IAGC-Sponsored Sessions at GSA 2006

The following IAGC-sponsored thematic sessions have been proposed for the next Geological Society of America (GSA) meeting to be held in Philadelphia, 22-25 October 2006.

Geochemical Modeling Applications in Ground Water Systems

Chairs: June Mirecki and Russell Harmon

The session focuses on the application of geochemical modeling to identify major organic, inorganic, and isotopic reactions and reaction rates that control ground water quality. Abstracts incorporating geochemical modeling methods to understand water-rock-microbe interactions in pristine and contaminated systems are welcomed.

Sources, Transport, Fate, and Toxicology of Trace Elements in the Environment

Chairs: LeeAnn Munk, David Long, and W. Berry Lyons

Papers are welcome on the study of trace elements in the environment, including sources, transport, controls on mobility, toxicological consequences, ecology (e.g. food web dynamics, as limiting nutrients), and accumulation in sediments and soils.

WEBSITE

Have you visited the IAGC website recently?

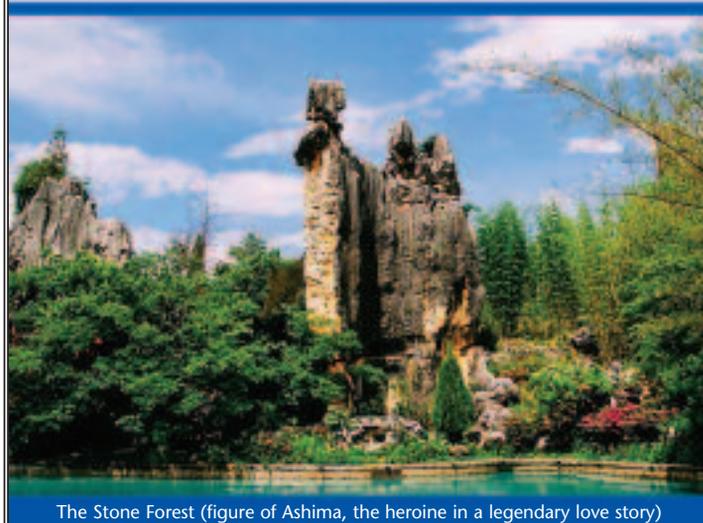
There is a host of new and not-so-new things to look at (such as the minutes of 2005 meetings, news of the IAGC booth at the GSA, and reports of two IAGC-sponsored meetings, AIG-6 and GES-7. If you are new to IAGC and are interested in joining, it costs only \$20 per year (for which you get issues of *Elements* and the biannual Newsletter) plus the opportunity to join one of the IAGC working groups. The membership application form can be found on the website.

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The 12th International Symposium on Water-Rock Interaction (WRI-12) will take place on August 13-18, 2007, in Kunming, China.

The first circular is out (see website www.wri12.org), and the second circular is due out in October 2006, with abstracts due in December. A list of conference topics can be found on the website.



The Stone Forest (figure of Ashima, the heroine in a legendary love story)

AL LEVINSON

It is with deep sorrow we learned of the death of Professor Al Levinson of the University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in December, 2005. Al was an important figure in the birth and guidance of the IAGC's journal *Applied Geochemistry* in the 1980s, and he will be missed for his energetic personality and contributions to geochemistry and gemology. A full obituary will be published in the next *IAGC Newsletter*, due out in the spring. See also *Elements* page 84.