



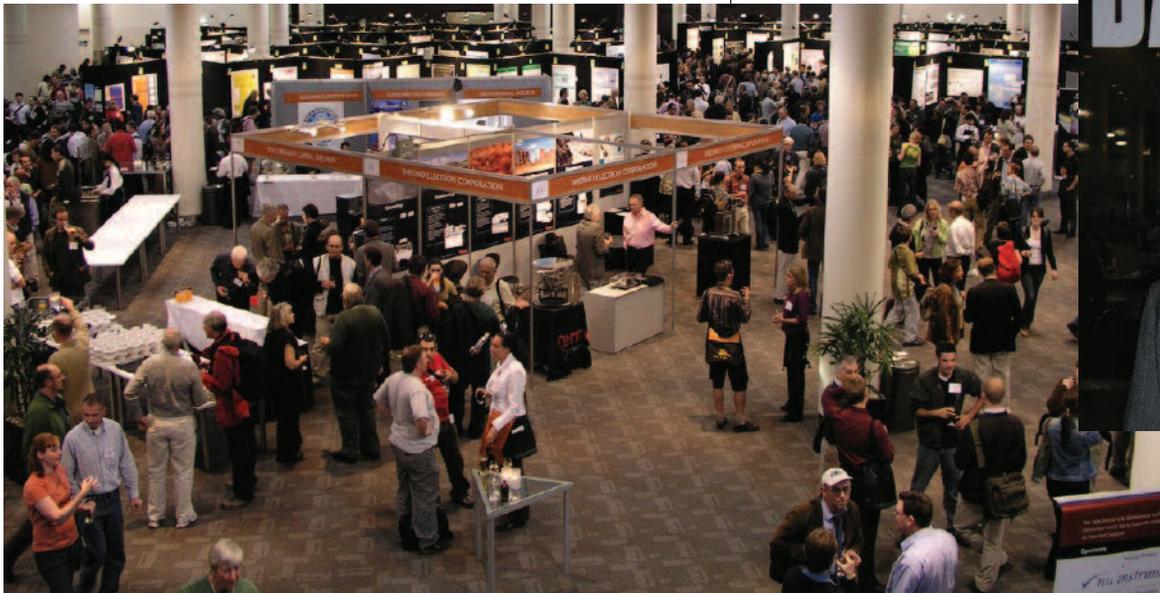
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## 2006 GOLDSCHMIDT CONFERENCE

Over 1300 geochemists from 40 countries made the trek down under to the 16<sup>th</sup> V.M. Goldschmidt Conference in Melbourne, Australia. Delegates enjoyed five days packed full of the latest in geochemistry. The Melbourne Conference Center proved to be an excellent venue and easily accommodated the 996 oral presentations (more than 12 concurrent sessions daily totaling 88 sessions) and 287 posters.



The exhibit hall provided a convenient meeting place. Posters were up for the five days of the conference.

The conference was made possible through the efforts of Simon Turner (Macquarie University), members of the programming committee, the session chairs, and the event organizers at Tour Host. Their efforts gave regional geochemists the opportunity to present to an international audience, and geochemistry received some much-needed exposure in Australia.

Several medals and awards were presented during the conference, including the V.M. Goldschmidt Award to Susan Solomon and the F.W. Clarke Award to Alexis S. Templeton. The Guest Lecture was given by John Eiler.



Left to right: Gordon Brown (citationist), Alexis Templeton (2006 Clarke Medalist), and Sue Brantley (GS President)



John Eiler (2006 Guest Lecturer) outside the Batman Theater



Left to right: Samuel Mukasa (V.M. Goldschmidt Award Committee Chair), Susan Solomon (2006 V.M. Goldschmidt Medalist), and Sue Brantley (GS President)

## NOTES FROM SAINT LOUIS

**New Logo Unveiled!**

After nearly a year of deliberating, the Geochemical Society is proud to announce the winning entry in its logo contest. The selection committee narrowed the field from over 140 entries to just eight. The winning design was then selected by the board after considering the result of a poll of the GS membership.



The winning design was created and submitted by Marijo Murillo, a graphic designer from California. She found out about our logo contest through her husband, who is a geochemist and a member of the Geochemical Society.

In her own words...

*My primary goal was to synthesize a newer and fresher image still recalling the main features of the previous one. Thus, the change would not be so abrupt, and geochemists would still associate the new image with your society. The key features of the original with which I worked are the globe and the hexagon. As in the original, the former represents the Earth (geo) while the latter is the structure of many minerals and the backbone of organic aromatic molecules and thus stands for chemistry and mineralogy, respectively. I added curved lines that allow two different interpretations. First, they remind of water and the oceans. What would aqueous geochemistry be without water? In this way, I offer an option to pay tribute to the medium that enabled the development of life and that constantly shapes and reshapes our surroundings (weathering, mass transport). Second, they remind of the dynamic (continental and oceanic) crust, which is the primary field of research of hard-rock geochemists. I submerged the hexagon into a liquid (water, magma) thus evoking the four major solid-liquid interactions taking place on or in the Earth (dissolution, precipitation, melting, crystallization).*

Marijo Murillo

**Membership Surveys**

In August we conducted an online survey of the GS and EAG memberships concerning *Geochemical News*. Your responses were very enlightening and will go a long way in making *Geochemical News* better. In that spirit we will begin conducting regular online surveys. The next one will run through December 31 and will concern the Goldschmidt Conference. The survey will be available on our announcements page: <http://www.geochemsoc.org/announce>

**Annual Membership Drive**

If you have not done so already, please take a moment to renew your membership in the Geochemical Society. You may renew online or download a membership form from our website at <http://www.geochemsoc.org/join>

Please consider making a donation while renewing your membership. Donations are tax deductible where applicable. Remember to indicate how you would like your donation to be used.

For instance, the Student Travel Grants Program is intended for graduate student researchers in geochemistry who are enrolled at an accredited degree-granting university or institution and who intend to present the results of their research activities in a talk or poster format at an upcoming Goldschmidt Conference. Grants awarded through his program are worth up to US\$1000 and are applied towards travel costs incurred by applicants attending the conference. This program is open to students involved in all disciplines of geochemistry and petrology. In 2006, through a generous grant from the National Science Foundation, this program distributed US\$39,000 to 38 students.

**GS Award Nominations Needed**

Once again nominations are solicited for the 2007 Goldschmidt Medal, Clarke Medal, Treibs Medal, Patterson Award, and GS/EAG Geochemical Fellow Awards. Please take the time to consider the accomplishments of your valued friends and colleagues and honor them with a nomination. With your help, we can ensure that all of geochemistry is recognized and all deserving geochemists are considered!

For detailed information on nomination requirements, please visit the Geochemical Society website at:

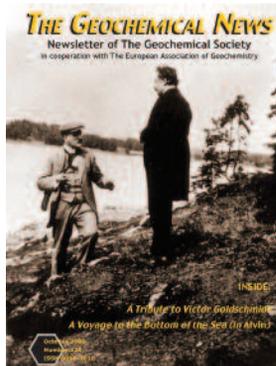
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**www.goldschmidt2007.org**  
17<sup>th</sup> Annual Goldschmidt Conference, Cologne, Germany  
**August 19–24, 2007**  
Organizing Committee:  
Herbert Palme, Albrecht Hofmann, Carsten Münker,  
and Sumit Chakraborty



**Robert C. Aller**, Stony Brook University presented the F. Earl Ingerson Lecture at the 2006 GSA Meeting in Philadelphia "Tropical deltaic systems as unsteady diagenetic reactors, global C incinerators, and reverse weathering centers."

**In the October issue of GEOCHEMICAL NEWS**

Discover Victor Goldschmidt's British connection

And

Read a personal account of a voyage to the bottom of the sea in Alvin