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IAGC at Goldschmidt

The IAGC was well represented at the recent Goldschmidt Conference in Melbourne, Australia. IAGC council members and working group chairmen attending the meeting included Ron Fuge, Alakendra Roychoudhury, Shaun Frape, Jan Kramers and Martin Novak. The booth received many visitors and became something of a retreat for some of the conference delegates who had become saturated by five days of up to twelve parallel sessions, many of which were on high-temperature geochemistry topics! An additional attraction at the booth was the variety and quantity of candies available (known as 'lollies' in Australia) and the free IAGC embossed key rings. Over 30 new members signed up, most of them Australians, and daily draws for a free membership in IAGC and subscription to *Applied Geochemistry* kept delegates returning daily to the booth to put their name in once more for the draw!

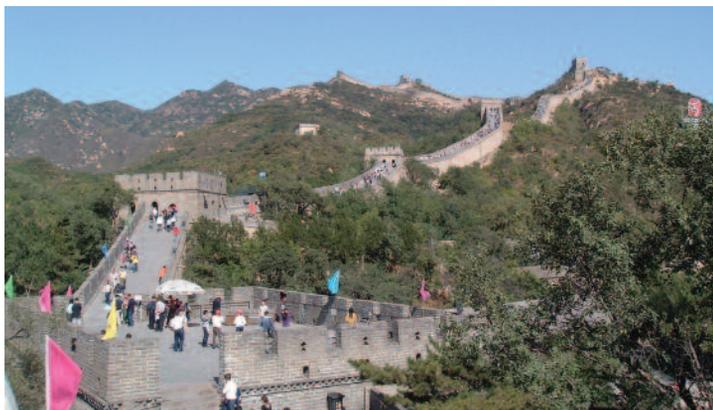


Ron Fuge (Executive Editor of *Applied Geochemistry*, the one with the tie) sitting at the IAGC booth with Mel Gascoyne. Winners of the daily draws are posted on the right.

International Symposium on Environmental Geochemistry (ISEG-7)

This conference took place in Beijing, China, 25–27 September, 2006. The meeting was supported by the IAGC, and about 400 geochemists attended, about half of them from countries other than China. The meeting was held in the Beijing Grand Continental Hotel, next to the Olympic Park, which is currently under construction for the 2008 Olympics.

The abstracts of papers given at ISEG-7 have been published in the *Chinese Journal of Geochemistry* (volume 25, ISSN 1000-9426), Brill Academic Publishers, Leiden, The Netherlands.



Water–Rock Interaction Symposium – New Dates!

Note that the timing of WRI-12 has been changed from August 13–18 to **July 31–August 5, 2007**. The conference is to be held in Kunming, China. The dates for WRI-12 were changed to avoid an unfortunate clash with the 17th Goldschmidt Conference (August 19–24).

The Water–Rock Interaction Working Group of the IAGC is inviting scientists to attend WRI-12. Kunming is in the center of the Yunnan-Guizhou plateau of southwestern China. WRI-12 will feature all aspects of weathering, with emphasis on karst geochemistry, hydrothermal systems of tectonically active regions and water–rock–gas interactions on other planets. The website www.wri12.org provides details on the oral and poster sessions, accompanying guest program, social activities and field trips. The final circular containing the final version of the scientific and social programs for WRI-12 will be handed out to participants at registration. The website also provides information on Kunming. We look forward to seeing you there!

Yanxin Wang
Secretary General

Goldschmidt 2007 and IAGC's 40th Birthday

The IAGC will hold a special celebration to commemorate its 40th anniversary on Saturday, 18 August 2007, in conjunction with the 17th annual Goldschmidt Conference in Cologne, Ger-

many, August 19–24, 2007. Information about the celebration can be found at www.iagc.ca

The Goldschmidt Conference (www.goldschmidt2007.org) will be held in association with the annual meeting of the German Mineralogical Society. Sixteen broad themes have been selected covering the full range of geochemical research, from the formation of the solar system to environmental research, and from biogeochemistry to mineralogy (see page 383). Suggestions for symposia or ideas for general symposia should be addressed to the International Program Committee (IPC) members responsible for the relevant theme as soon as possible, or sent to the chair of the IPC (Herbert Palme, herbert.palme@uni-koeln.de).

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The 7th International Symposium on Applied Isotope Geochemistry will be held in the beautiful countryside of Stellenbosch, in the Western Cape of South Africa. Stellenbosch is South Africa's premier wine district and boasts spectacular scenery, including the world famous Table Mountain, Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point.

More information will be available shortly on the website. Dr. Jodie Miller is the conference chair, and enquiries should be sent to her at aig7@sun.ac.za



The 12th International Symposium on Water–Rock Interaction (WRI-12) July 31–August 5, 2007 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.