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Association of Applied Geochemists

INTRODUCING AAG

The Association of Applied Geochemists (AAG), founded in 1970, is an international organisation specialising in the field of applied geochemistry. Until a few years ago, it was known as the Association of Exploration Geochemists. The purpose of the AAG is to:

- ♦ advance the science of geochemistry as it relates to exploration and the environment;
- ♦ further the common interests of exploration geochemists;
- ♦ facilitate the acquisition and distribution of scientific knowledge;
- ♦ promote the exchange of information;
- ♦ encourage research and development;
- ♦ advance the status of the profession;
- ♦ sponsor symposia, seminars and technical meetings.

The Association is active in disseminating results of applied geochemistry work through its journal *Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, Analysis (GEEA)*, in association with the Geological Society of London. In addition it publishes a quarterly newsletter, *EXPLORE*, a website-based bibliography of geochemically oriented papers, as well as short course volumes, symposia volumes, and occasional books in applied geochemistry. The Association has three levels of membership: Fellow (voting member), Member (non-voting), and Student. For more information, check the website www.appliedgeochemists.org/

The AAG has established the Distinguished Geochemists Fund to honour those who have made a significant advance in the science of applied geochemistry, and it will use this fund to promote and support applied geochemistry research. In addition the Association supports academics from developing countries by providing assisted membership in the Association and by furnishing financial support to help students attend the biannual symposia of the

Association. It also presents the SGS Minerals Services Award for the best submission in its student paper competition. In 2005, Ian Nichol was awarded Honorary Membership in the Association and Gwendy Hall was awarded the Gold Medal for outstanding achievement in geochemistry.

The AAG offers a Distinguished Lecture Series. In 2005-2006, it was given by Stew Hamilton of the Ontario Geological Survey in Canada. Stew had three lectures available:

- ♦ Reduced Chimneys and Electrochemical Transport over Oxidizable Geological Features;
- ♦ 'Forest Rings' and their Implications to Geochemical Exploration for Oil, Gas and Mineral Deposits;
- ♦ Deep Penetrating Geochemistry Using Selective Leach Methods over Mineral Deposits.

The current AAG president is Dr. Rob Bowell. Rob is principal geochemist with SRK Consulting in Cardiff, Wales. He specialises in the application of geochemistry and mineralogy to a wide range of mining and engineering problems associated with the mining industry. His main fields



Rob Bowell in front of the Schubert glacier in Greenland

of expertise are process chemistry and the geochemical engineering and treatment of mine waste and mine water. He has worked on mineral exploration in tropical and deeply weathered terrains, particularly in Africa, and has done academic research in

process chemistry, environmental geochemistry, environmental engineering and mineralogy. His PhD was on the economic geochemistry of lateritic gold ores in West Africa.

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The last International Applied Geochemistry Symposium (IAGS 2005) was held in Perth, Australia. Like many of the AAG's earlier meetings elsewhere in the world, this meeting was a huge success.



The accompanying photograph from the AAG dinner shows (from left to right, back row first) Brenda Mazzucchelli, Rob Bowell (current AAG president), Richard Mazzucchelli, Beth McClenaghan (*EXPLORE* editor), David Garnett (a past president and AAG councillor), Gwendy Hall (*GEEA* journal editor and AAG treasurer), Karen Kelley, Dave Kelley (current AAG past president), Gerry Govett (one of the AEG/AAG founders), and Idelies Govett.

APPLIED GEOCHEMISTRY SYMPOSIUM

The **23rd International Applied Geochemistry Symposium (IAGS 2007)** will be held in Oviedo (Asturias, northwestern Spain), June 14–19, 2007. Oral and poster sessions include (1) Classic Mining Districts: Exploration and Environmental Geochemistry in the Shadow of Headframes, (2) Geochemistry in the Government Sector: Exploration and Environmental Applications, (3) Geochemistry in the Industry Sector: Exploration and Environmental Applications, (4) Exploration Case studies: A Symposium in Honour of Dr. Eion Cameron, (5) Exploration, Classic European Mining Districts, and New Technologies, (6) Hydro-biogeochemistry, (7) Ore Deposit-Forming Systems: A Geochemical Perspective, (8) Analytical Geochemistry, (9) Lithogeochemistry, (10) Data Interpretation, (11) Geochemical Mapping, and (12) Geochemistry and Health. In addition, several field trips and workshops are planned, and no doubt wine tasting—hey, we are “applied” geochemists... what did you expect?

For further information, check the website <http://www.uniovi.es/IAGS2007>