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IAGC 40th ANNIVERSARY

Planning continues for the IAGC's 40th birthday celebration at the University of Cologne, Germany, on Saturday, 18 August 2007, immediately prior to the 2007 Goldschmidt Conference. Recent developments are summarised in the report on the business meeting in this issue.

The IAGC will host an anniversary reception to honour past presidents and other important figures in IAGC's history. The recipients of the inaugural set of IAGC awards – the Vernadsky Medal, the Ebelman Medal, and the Hitchon Award – will be formally presented during the Goldschmidt Conference at the joint society awards ceremony. Certificates of Merit in recognition of special service to IAGC will be presented at the anniversary celebration.

The chair of the Organizing Committee for the IAGC 40th Anniversary Celebration and Symposium is Jochen Hoefs. Any IAGC members wishing to join the committee or otherwise volunteer to assist with the organisation and implementation of the event should contact Prof. Dr. Hoefs by e-mail (jhoefs@gwdg.de).

AIG7
7th International Symposium on Applied Isotope Geochemistry
International Association of GeoChemistry

10th - 14th September, 2007
STELLENBOSCH, South Africa
www.sun.ac.za/geology/aig7.htm

EVERYONE LIKES A FREE DRAW!

Two major conferences were supported by IAGC last summer: the 16th Annual Goldschmidt Conference, held in Melbourne, Australia, on August 28 to September 1, and the 7th International Symposium on Environmental Geochemistry (ISEG-7), held in Beijing, on September 25–27. The IAGC had a booth at both events, and about 30 new members were signed up at each. The IAGC was also well represented at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Philadelphia, USA, on October 22–25.



Yousif Kharaka and Yanxing Wang (Secretary General, WRI-12), at ISEG-7 in Beijing

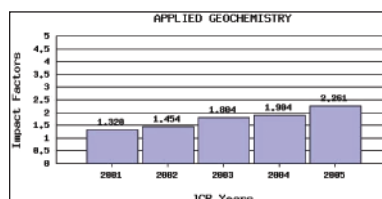
At each of these meetings, prospective members who happened to look at the booth for just a fraction of a second too long were called over and tempted by a tray of candies, IAGC key rings, the possibility of winning a set of back issues of *Applied Geochemistry* and/or free dues and a subscription to the journal for 2007. The lucky winners were informed at the meetings where possible.

Mel Gascoyne, Business Office Manager and Newsletter Editor

BUSINESS MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA

A meeting of the IAGC was held on 21 October 2006 in the Loews Hotel, Philadelphia, PA. An insufficient number of officers were present to make a quorum, so the meeting defaulted to a business meeting. John Ludden has resigned from his IAGC post due to added work responsibilities and Russell Harmon (vice-president) has taken over the presidential duties as mandated in the statutes. Council will be asked to approve this transition and that of the nomination of Russ's successor, Clemens Reimann. If approved, both officers would serve until 2008, when new elections would be held.

It was reported that *Applied Geochemistry* is going well (see the latest data on impact factors below). On average, 21 manuscripts are received per month. A special issue on mercury was published in November 2006. Future issues will focus on halogens, watershed-scale geochemistry, and acid rain. Online paper submission began on 31 October 2006.



Officers discussed activities and plans for the IAGC's 40th birthday, to be held in conjunction with the next Goldschmidt Conference in Cologne, Germany, in August 2007. The following items were resolved or are to be confirmed:

- Jochen Hoefs has agreed to chair the organising committee. He will discuss with Goldschmidt committees the scheduling of the sessions and their venue(s).
- An IAGC event will last for at least one day and precede the Goldschmidt Conference.
- Past presidents and Ingerson Lecturers will be honoured at the event.
- IAGC will give out its awards at the event and may also sponsor a technical symposium.
- A reception, with an invited after-dinner speaker, will follow.
- At Goldschmidt, an additional IAGC-sponsored technical session will be held in honour of Al Levinson. It will be organised by Brian Hitchon, who will also serve as a guest editor for a special issue of *Applied Geochemistry*.
- IAGC will reimburse the travel costs of invited honourees and provide assistance to Council members and officers to help them attend the meeting.

Further details are given in the December Newsletter (#45).