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Mineralogical Society of Poland

XIII MEETING OF THE PETROLOGY GROUP OF THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY OF POLAND

The XIII Meeting of the Petrology Group was held in Leśna (Lower Silesia, Poland) during, as is traditional, the third weekend of October (19–22 October 2006). The meeting was organized by the Mineralogical Society of Poland, the Institute of Geological Sciences of the University of Wrocław, and the Institute of Geological Sciences of the Jagiellonian University. The theme of the meeting was “The Mantle beneath SW Poland and Some Occurrences of Related Tertiary Volcanism”. About 70 participants (mostly from Poland but also from Austria, Hungary, and the United Kingdom) presented 20 lectures and 35 posters in the thematic sessions and in the general session. Professor Wojciech Narebski, Honorary Member of the Society and expert on ophiolites, honoured the meeting by his presence. Two field trips were held in the Tertiary basalts rich in mantle xenoliths of Lower Silesia. Extended abstracts in English were published in volume 29 of *Mineralogia Polonica – Special Papers* (volume editor: Jacek Puziewicz).



From right to left, Hilary Downes, Jacek Puziewicz (chairman of the Organizing Committee), and Marek Michalik



Field trip to a Tertiary basalt quarry

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is a great pleasure and satisfaction for all members of the Mineralogical Society of Poland (Polskie Towarzystwo Mineralogiczne) to join with other societies participating in *Elements*.

The Mineralogical Society of Poland currently has about 200 members active in the mineralogical sciences and related disciplines. Although Poland has a long tradition in mineralogical research and in the teaching of mineralogy, this national organization for Polish mineralogists is relatively young. The Society was founded in 1969, and within two months, it had grown to 160 members. In 1970, the first volume of the journal *Mineralogia Polonica*, containing papers exclusively in English, was published. The exchange of the journal with other institutions

marked the birth of the library of the Society – a matter of utmost importance for Polish mineralogists in a period of limited access to foreign publications.

The current activities of the Society include the organization of scientific conferences and workshops, the publishing of journals, and the fostering of collaboration with mineralogists from neighboring countries. The promotion of the mineralogical sciences among amateurs is an important function of the Society.

I am convinced that being a part of *Elements* will prove beneficial for members of the Mineralogical Society of Poland and that collaboration among the various societies involved in *Elements* will be fruitful.

Marek Michalik
President

IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR ANDRZEJ BOLEWSKI



The centenary of the birth of Professor Andrzej Bolewski (1906–2002), an outstanding scientist, teacher, and organizer in the geosciences—but above all a mineralogist—was celebrated during a scientific conference held in Kraków on 18–19 September 2006. It was organized by the Department of Mineralogy, Petrography, and Geochemistry of the Faculty of Geology, Geophysics, and Protection of the Natural Environment of his alma mater the University of Science and Technology (AGH), the Mineralogical Society of Poland, and the Commission on Mineralogical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The conference took place under the joint auspices of the rector of the University and the mayor of Kraków.

The conference was comprised of two parts. In the first part, lectures delivered by Professor Bolewski's students and co-workers were devoted to various aspects of his many-sided scientific, pedagogical and organizational abilities. The speakers recalled the importance of Professor Bolewski's activities as a scientist and academic teacher, his innovations in the management of mineral raw materials, and his efforts in the organization of the State Geological Survey and the Polish Academy of Sciences. Particular attention was also paid to his activities during World War II when, after liberation from imprisonment by the Gestapo, Professor Bolewski took part in clandestine teaching. Later, he contributed, as a Polish economic expert, to the establishment of the final boundaries of Poland at the Potsdam Conference. In addition, the speakers emphasized his significant roles in the formation of technical universities in Kraków and Gliwice after 1945, the Mineralogical Society of Poland, and other mineralogical and geological commissions. Finally, his very rich body of written work was reviewed. This work includes numerous academic textbooks on various branches of the mineralogical and geological sciences.

The second part of the conference was an excellent opportunity to review the current state of the mineralogical sciences, both pure and applied, in Poland. A formal supper, held in an antique manor-house in Mogilany near Kraków, was the focus for an unforgettable evening. During the conference, a commemorative plaque was unveiled on the wall of a lecture hall newly named in honor of Professor A. Bolewski.