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Société Française de Minéralogie et de Cristallographie

SFMC JOINS THE FÉDÉRATION FRANÇAISE DE GÉOLOGIE

Several years ago, four major French geological societies initiated discussions with the aim of forming a federation to better coordinate their activities. These societies are the Société Géologique de France (SGF), the Société Française de Minéralogie et de Cristallographie, the Union Française des Géologues (UFG) and the Comité National Français de Géologie (CNFG), which is the French representative in the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS). Eight additional societies later joined this initiative.

The discussions have now succeeded. Statutes for the Fédération Française de Géologie (FFG) have been drawn up and approved by the four founding members and by the other eight societies. The first FFG general assembly was held on December 7, in Dijon. The twelve member societies elected the FFG council, which will start work in 2007.

The aims of the newly created FFG are

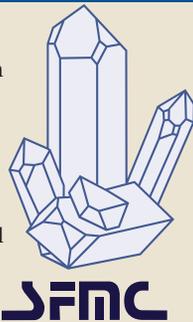
- to increase the visibility of the member societies at the national level;
- to organize joint activities at the scientific level through workshops, symposia and conferences, in education, and for the preservation of heritage;
- to better promote the accomplishments, advances and challenges in their field to the general public and to the decision makers.

SFMC is proud to be part of this exciting adventure, which will contribute to the promotion of the Earth sciences in France.

Join the Société Française de Minéralogie et de Cristallographie in 2007

For only 50 (35 for students) you will:

- receive the *Bulletin de Liaison*, the link between the members, which contains all the society news;
- have free internet access to the *European Journal of Mineralogy*;
- pay reduced fees for all SFMC activities, as well as all activities organized by the member societies of the newly founded Fédération Française de Géologie;
- and of course, receive, the excellent magazine *Elements*!



SFMC MEETINGS IN 2007

"Anisotropic Earth," Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris, 13 March 2007: a meeting aimed at gathering the viewpoints of seismology and mineral physics on anisotropy in the Earth

"Journées Mars," Toulouse, 29–30 May 2007: a symposium on Mars, co-organized by the SFMC and the Observatoire Midi-Pyrénées

"Frontiers in Mineral Sciences," Cambridge, UK, 26–28 June 2007: a joint meeting of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland, the Mineralogical Society of America, the Mineralogical Association of Canada and the SFMC

"Journées Serpentes," Grenoble, October 2007: a town meeting on serpentinites, with a field trip in the Alps

"Analytical Techniques in Mineralogy," Paris, November 2007: a meeting aimed mainly at students and young researchers

More information will be available soon on the SFMC website

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Anisotropic Earth

When Mineral Physics, Petrology, Seismology and Geophysics Meet

It is now well accepted that the Earth is anisotropic, but from the seismological and mineralogical points of view, this anisotropy is sometimes difficult to measure and to interpret. The reasons are the multiple origins of anisotropy, the complexity of the phenomena involved and the multiple scales (from the microscopic scale to the global scale of the Earth) that must be considered.

We wish to gather researchers from different disciplines who work on anisotropy. The goal is to promote communication between different fields and to help defining new challenges for further studies. This workshop will be organized around a few keynote presentations aiming at introducing the major issues of each field followed by ample discussion.

This one-day meeting and workshop will be organized in Paris by Patrick Cordier and Jean Paul Montagner

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Tuesday March 13, 2007.

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