

COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY PRESIDENTS

Recently the Geochemical Society (GS) began to participate in the Council for Scientific Society Presidents (CSSP, Executive Director Marty Apple, Washington DC) on a trial basis. The CSSP (www.cssp.us) is an organization of presidents, presidents-elect, and recent past presidents of about sixty scientific federations and societies whose combined membership numbers well over 1.4 million scientists and educators in the USA. The aim of the CSSP is to provide a strong voice to support science and science education. Members of the Council currently include the Geological Society of America and the American Chemical Society, among many others.

The GS joined this group in order to learn about issues related to outreach and public advocacy of science. As a relatively small society, the GS has not traditionally played a big outreach role. The board of the GS decided to find out more about these issues, and so we have been paying the expenses of the president or vice president to attend the CSSP meetings each year.

Past President Tim Drever attended the CSSP meeting in Washington DC in December 2006. I attended the May 2006 and December 2007 meetings. The meetings are unlike any I have ever attended! In addition to a series of talks by speakers hand-picked by the executive director, we also interact with elected government officials, congressional staffers, directors of institutions such as the National Science Foundation, and pre-eminent scientists and educators.

I find the meetings intellectually stimulating: it has been especially interesting to learn how science is perceived by non-scientists in the US government who are making decisions that affect students and faculty. I have also used the CSSP as a way to discuss GS problems with other society presidents. I have received advice about audits (we are currently getting an audit of society finances), national and international membership issues, changes in journal subscriptions and the effects of online journals, and many other topics. I have found that many of our problems are shared by many other major scientific societies. I have also forged relationships with the officers of the American Chemical Society and the Geological Society of America, all of whom have been supportive of activities of the GS.



Environmental scientist Gene Likens and Representative Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY, now retired), discuss environment policy and baseball at a CSSP meeting in Washington during Boehlert's tenure as the chair of the House of Representatives Science Committee.

Although the CSSP is idiosyncratic, I recommend that the society maintain its membership. I do not believe that our membership in the CSSP will only help US members of the GS. Membership in the CSSP will help us to expand our ideas about what the GS can do or should do as a major scientific society in a rapidly changing world.

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May 22-25 AGU Joint Assembly, Acapulco, Mexico. E-mail: ja-help@agu.org; web page: www.agu.org/meetings/ja07

May 23-25 Geological Association of Canada and Mineralogical Association of Canada Joint Meeting (GAC-MAC): Yellowknife 2007 – For a Change in Climate, Yellowknife, Canada. Web page: www.nwtgeoscience.ca/Yellowknife2007

May 27-31 IMWA Symposium: Water in Mining Environments, Cagliari, Sardinia, Italy. E-mail: cidur@unica.it; web page: www.unica.it/geochim/imwa07

June 2-7 44th Annual Meeting of the Clay Minerals Society, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA. Details: Randall Cygan, Sandia National Laboratories; e-mail: rctcygan@sandia.gov; tel.: 505-844-7216; web page: www.sandia.gov/clay

June 10-15 Gordon Research Conference: Interior of the Earth, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, USA. Web page: www.grc.org/07sched.htm

June 11-15 Meteoroids 2007, Barcelona, Spain. E-mail: meteoroids2007@ieec.uab.es; web page: www.spmn.uji.es/meteoroids-2007

June 14-19 23rd International Applied Geochemistry Symposium (IAGS), Oviedo, Spain. E-mail: iags2007@innova.uniovi.es; web page: www.uniovi.es/IAGS2007/

June 17-20 10th International Conference and Exhibition of the European Ceramic Society, Berlin, Germany. E-mail: ecers2007@dkg.de; website: www.ecers2007berlin.de

June 17-20 3rd International Conference on Sustainable Development Indicators in the Minerals Industry (SDIMI 2007), Milos Island, Milos, Greece. E-mail: sdimi2007@heliotopos.net; web page: <http://milos.conferences.gr/sdimi2007>

June 17-21 8th Multinational Congress on Microscopy (8MCM), Prague, Czech Republic. Details: Ms. Hana Hudecova; e-mail: hh@ccl.cz; web page: <http://nucleus.biomed.cas.cz/8mcm/>

June 19-23 2nd International Workshop on Exploring Mars and its Earth Analogues, Trento, Italy. Details: Stefania Celenza, e-mail: celenza@irsps.unich.it; web page: <http://irsps.sci.unich.it/education/mars07/>

June 26-28 Frontiers in Mineral Sciences 2007: Combined Societies' Meeting: MinSoc, MSA, MAC, and SFMC, Cambridge, UK. E-mail: info@minersoc.org; web page: www.minersoc.org/pages/meetings/frontiers/index.html

July 2-6 Sixth Hutton Symposium on the Origin of Granites and Related Rocks, Stellenbosch University, South Africa. E-mail: Hutton@sun.ac.za; web page: <http://academic.sun.ac.za/geology/hutton/hutton2007.htm>

July 2-7 XVI International Conference on Crystal Chemistry and Diffraction Studies of Minerals, Miass, Russia. E-mail: krzhizhanovskaya@mail.ru; web page: <http://meetings.miass.ru/?LinkId=39>

July 2-13 International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) 2007 General Assembly, Perugia, Italy. E-mail: secretary@IUGG2007perugia.it; website: www.iugg2007perugia.it

July 8-13 Gordon Research Conference: Catchment Science: Interactions of Hydrology, Biology & Geochemistry, Colby-Sawyer College, New London, NH, USA. Details: Elizabeth W. Boyer & Helen A. De Wit; web page: www.grc.org/programs/2007/catch.htm

July 8-13 Gordon Research Conference: Origins of Solar Systems, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, USA. Details: Lee W. Hartmann; e-mail: lhartm@umich.edu; web page: www.grc.org/programs/2007/origins.htm

July 9-13 Seventh International Conference on Mars, Pasadena, California, USA. Details: David Beaty, e-mail: david.beaty@jpl.nasa.gov; web page: www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/7thmars2007/home.shtml

July 9-13 11th Congress of the International Society of Rock Mechanics, Lisbon, Portugal. E-mail: spg@inec.pt; website: www.isrm2007.org

July 12-16 Bioastronomy 2007: Molecules, Microbes, and Extraterrestrial Life, San Juan, Puerto Rico. E-mail: sonoda@ifa.hawaii.edu; web page: www.ifa.hawaii.edu/UHNAI/bioast07.htm

July 17-20 European Current Research on Fluid Inclusions (ECROFI-XIX), Bern, Switzerland. E-mail: antenen@geo.unibe.ch; web page: www.geo.unibe.ch/ecrofi

July 21-26 American Crystallographic Association 2007 Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. Details: Jill Trehwella, e-mail: 82jtrehwella@usyd.edu.au; web page: www.hwi.buffalo.edu/ACA/meetingspgp_list/futuremeetings.html

July 22-27 Euroclay 2007, Aveiro, Portugal. Details: Secretariado Euroclay 2007; e-mail: info@euroclay2007.com; website: www.euroclay2007.com

July 31-August 5 Twelfth International Symposium on Water-Rock Interaction (WRI-12), Kunming, China. E-mail: wri12@cug.edu.cn; website: www.wri12.org

August 5-11 The 13th International Summer School on Crystal Growth, Park City, Utah, USA. Details: Jim De Yoreo; e-mail: deyoreo1@llnl.gov; web page: <http://www.crystalgrowth.us/isscg13/index.php>

August 12-17 15th International Zeolite Conference (15th IZC), Beijing, China. E-mail: izc@jlu.edu.cn; website: www.15izc.org.cn

August 12-17 9th EMU School 'Nanoscope Approaches in Earth and Planetary Sciences', Munich; Germany. Organizers: Frank E. Brenker (f.brenker@em.uni-frankfurt.de), Guntram Jordan (guntram.jordan@rz.uni-muenchen.de); e-mail: info@9th-emu-school.de; website: www.9th-EMU-School.de

August 13-17 2007 Meteoritical Society Annual Meeting, Tucson, Arizona, USA. Details: Dr. Tim Jull, e-mail: jull@u.arizona.edu; web page: <http://metsoc2007.org>

August 13-17 Large Igneous Provinces of Asia, Mantle Plumes, and Metallogeny, Novosibirsk, Russia. Details: Evgeniy Naumov, Executive Secretary; e-mail: LIP-asia@uiggm.nsc.ru; web page: <http://www.uiggm.nsc.ru/conf/lip-asia/>

August 19-23 American Chemical Society 234th National Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, USA. E-mail: natlmgtgs@acs.org; web page: www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acdsdisplay.html?DOC=meetings%5cfuture.html

August 19–24 Goldschmidt 2007, Cologne, Germany. Details: Dr. Herbert Palme; e-mail: herbert.palme@uni-koeln.de; website: www.the-conference.com/gold2007/index.php

August 20–24 9th Biennial SGA Meeting, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. Details: Gerry Stanley, Geological Survey of Ireland; e-mail: gerry.stanley@gsi.ie; website: www.cprejistrations.com/sga2007

August 22–27 24th European Crystallographic Meeting (ECM24), Marrakech, Morocco. E-mail: athalal@menara.ma; website: www.ecm24.org

August 29–31 European Mantle Workshop (EMAW): Petrological Evolution of the European Lithospheric Mantle: From Archean to Present Day, Ferrara, Italy. Details: Massimo Coltorti, e-mail: clt@unife.it; web page: www.geoitalia.org/index.php?action=doc_detail&doc_id=676&folder_id=67

September 1–15 Modular Course in Structure, Tectonics, and Mineral Exploration (Field-Based), Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. Information: Bruno Lafrance, E-mail: blafrance@laurentian.ca; website: <http://earthsciences.laurentian.ca>

September 6–7 AGREE II – Arctic Geology, Resources and Environment Conference, Tromsø, Norway. Details: Geological Society of Norway (NGF). Web page: www.geologi.no/cgi-bin/geologi/imaker?id=8529

September 6–9 2nd International Symposium: Advanced Micro- and Mesoporous Materials, Varna, Bulgaria. Web page: <http://micro2007.innoslab.com>

September 8–11 6th European Conference on Mineral Spectroscopy (ECMS 6), Stockholm, Sweden. E-mail: ECMS6@geo.uu.se; web page: www.mpt.geo.uu.se/ECMS6

September 9–14 5th International Heavy Minerals Conference (HMC2007), Hluhluwe, South Africa. E-mail: lara@saimm.co.za; web page: www.saimm.co.za/events/0709hmc2007/index.asp?ID=26

September 10–12 Geological Society of London Bicentennial Conference – Earth Science in the Service of Society; The Next 200 Years, London, UK. Web page: www.geolsoc.org.uk/template.cfm?name=Bicentenary

September 10–12 Volcanic & Magmatic Studies Group meeting, London, UK. Special session at the Geological Society of London Bicentennial Conference. Details: K. Goodenough, e-mail: kmgo@bgs.ac.uk

September 10–14 7th International Symposium on Applied Isotope Geochemistry, Stellenbosch, South Africa. Website: <http://academic.sun.ac.za/geology/aig7.htm>

September 10–14 23rd International Organic Geochemistry Meeting (IMOG07), Torquay, Devon, UK. E-mail: sal@gilttd.com; web page: www.eaog.org/meetings/meetings.html

September 12–14 Geoitalia 2007 – Sixth Italian Forum of Earth Sciences, Rimini, Italy. Details: Lorenza Fascio, Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra, Università di Pisa, Via S. Maria 53, I-56126 Pisa, Italy; e-mail: simp@dst.unipi.it; website: www.geoitalia.org/

September 13–17 Hutton, Home and Barrow: Classic Field Localities near Edinburgh and in the Eastern Scottish Highlands, Geological Society of London:

Details: Alys Johnson, e-mail: alys.johnson@geolsoc.org.uk; web page: www.geolsoc.org.uk/template.cfm?name=Bicentenary_Field_Excursion_Hutton_Home_and_Barrow

September 14–19 Geological Society of London Mineral Deposits of South-West England, venue TBA. Details: Alys Johnson, e-mail: alys.johnson@geolsoc.org.uk; web page: www.geolsoc.org.uk/template.cfm?name=Bicentenary_Field_excursion_Mineral_deposits

September 15–16 Accessory Minerals “In Situ”: Microanalytical Methods and Petrological Applications, workshop, Kraków, Poland. E-mail: michalik@geos.ing.uj.edu.pl and budzyn@geos.ing.uj.edu.pl

September 16–20 Material Science & Technology 2007 Conference and Exhibition (MS&T '07), Detroit, Michigan, USA. E-mail: mtgserv@tms.org; web page: www.matscitech.org/2007/home.htm

September 17–18 Electron Microscopy and Microanalysis Conference, Kraków, Poland. E-mail: tylko@zuk.iz.uj.edu.pl or michalik@ing.uj.edu.pl

September 17–20 3rd International Meeting in Lille: Clays in Natural and Engineered Barriers for Radioactive Waste Confinement, Lille, France. Details: Martine Klajman; e-mail: secretariat@lille2007.com; web page: www.lille2007.com

September 22–26 Bridging the Gap II: Effect of Target Properties on the Impact Cratering Process, Saint-Hubert (Montreal), Canada. Details: Mary Cloud, Lunar and Planetary Institute; e-mail: cloud@lpi.usra.edu; web page: www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/gap2007/home.shtml

September 23–28 SEG International Exposition & 77th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, USA. E-mail: meetings@seg.org

September 24–28 MISCA – Meeting of the Italian and Spanish Crystallographic Associations (AIC and GE3C), Staletti (CZ), Italy. E-mail: misca2007@unicat.it; web page: <http://misca2007.unicat.it/>

September 24–30 AGS-2007 Symposium: Ores and Orogenesis: Circum-Pacific Tectonics, Geologic Evolution, and Ore Deposits, Tucson, Arizona, USA. Website: www.agsymposium.org/

September 25–29 WIRMS 2007: International Workshop on Infrared Microscopy and Spectroscopy with Accelerator Based Sources, Awaji Island, Japan. E-mail: nanba@phys.sci.kobe-u.ac.jp or kimura@spring8.or.jp or kimura@ims.ac.jp; web page: www.uvsor.ims.ac.jp/WIRMS2007

October 1–5 2nd International Conference on Crystallogenes and Mineralogy, St Petersburg, Russia. E-mail: KM2007@minsoc.ru; web page: www.minsoc.ru/KM2007

October 3–6 Precious Metals Symposium, Tucson, Arizona, USA. Details: Meetings Department; Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, Inc.; e-mail: meetings@smenet.org

October 18–21 Orogenic and Platform Granitoids, XIV Meeting of the Petrology Group of the Mineralogical Society of Poland, Zakopane, Poland. E-mail: jciesiel@wnoz.us.edu.pl; website: <http://ptmin.us.edu.pl>

October 28–November 1 Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, Denver Colorado, USA. E-mail: meetings@geosociety.org; web page: www.geosociety.org/meetings/index.htm

October 29–31 AMPHIBOLES, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Rome, Italy. Details: TBA. Contacts: G. Della Ventura, F. Hawthorne, A. Mottana and R. Oberti. Contact for North America: frank_hawthorne@umanitoba.ca

November 11–16 18th International Symposium on Environmental Biogeochemistry (ISEB-18), Taupo, New Zealand. Website: www.isebiogeochemistry.com/ISEBXVIII.htm

November 19–23 Cities on Volcanoes 5, Shimabara, Japan. E-mail: convention@citiesonvolcanoes5.com; website: www.citiesonvolcanoes5.com

November 26–30 Materials Research Society Fall Meeting, Boston, MA, USA. Details: Duane Dimos; e-mail: dbdimos@sandia.gov; web page: www.mrs.org/s_mrs/sec.asp?CID=4749&DID=164574

December 10–14 AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, California, USA. E-mail: meetinginfo@agu.org; web page: www.agu.org/meetings

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March 9–13 TMS Annual Meeting & Exhibition, New Orleans, LA, USA. E-mail: mtgserv@tms.org

March 24–28 Materials Research Society Spring Meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA. Web page: www.mrs.org/s_mrs/sec.asp?CID=2073&DID=92005

April 6–10 American Chemical Society 235th National Meeting, New Orleans, LA, USA. E-mail: natlmtgs@acs.org; web page: www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acdisplay.html?DOC=meetings%5cfuture.html

April 20–23 AAPG Annual Convention and Exhibition, San Antonio, TX, USA. Web page: www.aapg.org/meetings/misc_mtgs.cfm

May 12–16 ISA 2008 – 37th International Symposium on Archaeometry, Siena, Italy. Details: Isabella Memmi Turbanti; e-mail: memmi@unisi.it; web page: <http://www.unisi.it/eventi/isa2008>

May 26–28 Geological Association of Canada/Mineralogical Association of Canada Annual Meeting, Québec, QC, Canada. Website: www.quebec2008.net

May 31–June 5 American Crystallographic Association (ACA) Annual Meeting, Knoxville, TN, USA. Details: Paul Butler, e-mail: butler@nist.gov; web page: www.hwi.buffalo.edu/ACA/meetingspg_list/futuremeetings.html

June 9–12 MRS International Materials Research Conference, Chongqing, PRC. Details: Patricia Hastings, tel.: 1-724-779-3004 ext. 350; web page: www.mrs.org/s_mrs/sec.asp?CID=7060&DID=178708

June 29–July 3 2nd International Congress on Ceramics, Verona, Italy. Web page: <http://www.icc2.org/>

July 2008 Resurgence of Economic Geology and the Minerals Industry in Africa, Joint Conference of the Geological Society of South Africa and SEG, Johannesburg, South Africa. E-mail: info@seg-gssa2008.org; web page: www.seg-gssa2008.org

July 13–18 Goldschmidt 2008, Vancouver, BC, Canada. E-mail: gold2008@the-conference.com; website: www.goldschmidt2008.org

August 5–14 The 33rd International Geological Congress (IGC 33), Lillestrom (Oslo), Norway. Website: www.33igc.org

August 17–21 American Chemical Society 236th National Meeting, Philadelphia PA, USA. Details: ACS Meetings, e-mail: natlmtgs@acs.org; web page: www.chemistry.org/portal/a/c/s/1/acdisplay.html?DOC=meetings%5cfuture.html

August 17–22 Geochemistry of the Earth's Surface 8: Joint Meeting of the IAGC, MinSoc and the Natural History Museum (UK). Contact: M.E. Hodson, m.e.hodson@reading.ac.uk

August 18–24 IAVCEI 2008 General Assembly, Reykjavik, Iceland. Details: Dr. Armann Hoskuldsson, e-mail: armh@hi.is; web page: www.iavcei.org/meetings_wv.html

August 23–31 XXI Congress of the International Union of Crystallography, Osaka, Japan. Web page: www.congre.co.jp/iucr2008

September 7–9 6th International Conference on Mineralogy and Museums, Denver, Colorado, USA. Details: Paul Bartos; e-mail: pbartos@mines.edu

Sept. 8–10 9th International Congress for Applied Mineralogy, Brisbane, Australia. Details: Alison M. McKenzie, e-mail: conference@aumim.com.au; website: www.icam2008.com/home.asp

Sept. 8–12 Meteoritical Society Annual Meeting, Matsue, Japan. Details: Dr. Mitsuru Ebihara; e-mail: ebihara-mitsuru@c.metro-u.ac.jp

September 9–14 Second Central European Mineralogical Conference (11–14 September) and Workshop on Powder Diffraction Rietveld Refinement (9–10 September), Lower Silesia, Poland. Details forthcoming

September 24–28 4th Mid-European Clay Conference, Kraków, Poland. Details forthcoming; e-mail: gorniak@agh.edu.pl

October 5–8 Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, Houston, TX, USA. E-mail: meetings@geosociety.org; web page: www.geosociety.org/meetings/index.htm

October 5–9 Materials Science & Technology 2008 Conference and Exhibition – MS&T '08 combined with the American Ceramic Society (ACerS) 110th Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. Web page: www.ceramics.org/meetings/schedule.asp

December 1–5 Materials Research Society Fall Meeting, Boston, MA, USA. Web page: www.mrs.org/s_mrs/sec.asp?CID=2073&DID=92005

December 15–19 2008 AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA. e-mail: meetinginfo@agu.org; web page: www.agu.org/meetings

The meetings convened by the societies participating in *Elements* are highlighted in yellow. This meetings calendar was compiled by **Andrea Koziol**. To get meeting information listed, please contact Andrea at Andrea.Koziol@notes.udayton.edu