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EAG NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EAG Website

The EAG website has been and continues to be a great success since its relaunching last fall, with the site receiving over 1000 "hits" per month. The site continues to be upgraded and revised each month, providing the latest geochemical news, EAG developments, updates on conferences, and useful links. We invite everyone to visit and contribute to our website: www.eag.eu.com.

EAG Seeks New Committee Members

As part of the revised EAG bylaws, several new committees have been formed, including the EAG Communications Committee, the EAG Program Committee, and the EAG Publication Committee. Several positions are still available in these commit-

tees. We invite motivated geochemists to volunteer to serve on these committees to help promote geochemistry through the EAG. Further information can be found on the EAG website: www.eag.eu.com. To volunteer to serve, please send an e-mail to eag@lmtg.obs-mip.fr.



Gearing Up for the 2007 Goldschmidt Meeting

The 17th annual Goldschmidt Conference will be held in August 2007 at the University of Cologne in Germany. It will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the German Mineralogical Society. This will be the second German Goldschmidt Conference, after the 1996 meeting in Heidelberg. See previous page for more details.

This programme includes funding for **Marie Curie Initial Training Networks**, a programme funding a network of researchers from different European countries, thereby allowing Europe-wide training in active research areas. A total of 240 million is to be awarded this year, and the deadline for preliminary proposals is 7 May 2007. Researchers whose proposals pass the first round will be invited to submit a full proposal by 25 September 2007.

Another program, called **European Reintegration Grants (ERG)**, provides funds to help reintegrate scientists who have worked elsewhere in Europe. 9.5 million are to be awarded, and the application deadline for the initial short proposal is 25 April 2007; full proposals will be due 17 October 2007.

International Reintegration Grants (IRG) are aimed at encouraging European researchers who have carried out research outside Europe to return to the European scientific community. 14.5 million are to be awarded in 2007; the application deadlines are 25

April 2007 for the preliminary proposal and 17 October 2007 for the full proposal.

Ideas Work Programme

The "IDEAS" programme is administered by the European Research Council (ERC), an organisation designed to support cutting-edge science and scholarship. Two types of ERC grants will be available:

- 1 The ERC Starting Independent Researcher Grants (ERC Starting Grants). These grants are to help young scientists establish and carry out their first research programme.
- 2 The ERC Advanced Investigator Grants (ERC Advanced Grants). These grants support more senior scientists in cutting-edge research in any scientific field.

Only ERC Starting Grants will be awarded in 2007. A total of 289.5 million will be awarded in 2007; the deadlines are 25 April 2007 and 17 September 2007. The ERC Advanced Grants programme will begin in 2008.

Further details on all EU funding programmes are available at http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home_en.html.

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SEVENTH FRAMEWORK
PROGRAMME

European Union Funding Opportunities

The long-awaited Framework 7 Programme of the European Commission was published in December 2006 and includes vast new funding opportunities for European and international researchers. Below are abbreviated descriptions of current opportunities for individuals and groups in a number of different programmes.

Marie Curie Actions "People" Programme

The "People" programme is entirely dedicated to human resources in research and has an overall budget of more than 4.7 billion over the next seven years. The main strategic objective is to make Europe more attractive to the best researchers. Resources are available to encourage young researchers and support the early stages of scientific careers, as well as to reduce the "brain drain" from Europe.

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

SUMMER SCHOOL ON GEODYNAMICS AND MAGMATIC PROCESSES

Lake Myvatn,
near Krafla volcano, Northern
Volcanic Zone, Iceland



August 20–29, 2007

The summer school is a venue for graduate students and post-docs to meet with an international group of researchers with the aim of gaining further insights into geodynamics and magmatic processes. The summer school is a mixture of talks by invited speakers, presentations by participants, and field trips to relevant geological localities in the Northern Volcanic Zone of Iceland. The school opens the evening of August 20, 2007, in Reykjavík, followed by a field trip from south to north across Iceland on August 21. The following seven days will include four days of oral and poster presentations, and three field trips (including visits to the site of the 1975–1984 Krafla rifting episode, the Askja caldera and its 1875 eruptive products, and a unique subaerial rift–transform intersection in northern Iceland). The school will end with a field trip back to Reykjavík on August 29. All graduate students and post-docs with an interest in the theme of the summer school are invited to apply.

The application deadline is April 25.

FURTHER DETAILS AND INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON THE NORDVULK HOME PAGE: www.norvol.hi.is.