Harry's current interests include the Frontiers article (219: 173–187) is annual meeting will take place August 19–24, 2007 at the Houtermans Medal to Parman Steve Parman of Durham University, UK. Steve is a leading expert on the behavior of volatiles in the Earth's interior. His work on water in early-Earth magmas, highlighted in a 2004 Earth and Planetary Science Letters Frontiers article (219: 173–187) is providing new insights into Earth's thermal evolution. Likewise, his recent research on noble gas solubility in the mantle published in Nature in 2005 (437: 1140–1143) is challenging the existing models of mantle structure and evolution.

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SULPHUR IN GLASSES AND MELTS – WORKSHOP REPORT

An international workshop, organized by Harald Behrens and entitled “Sulphur in Glasses and Melts”, was held at the University of Hannover, Germany, on March 1–2, 2007. The workshop brought together more than fifty European and North American scientists and engineers engaged in Earth and glass sciences. The involvement of experts from both fields of research was crucial because the dissolution of sulphur in silicate melts and processes involving fluids is of major research interest in both natural and industrial processes. For example, the degassing of magmas during volcanic eruption injects large quantities of sulphur species into the atmosphere, which may have a dramatic impact on climate and the environment. Likewise, bubbling induced by decomposition of sulphate is widely used for refining of molten synthetic glasses in glass manufacturing. The presentations dealt with the following topics: diffusion and degassing in melts; spectroscopic techniques for determining the oxidation state and local environments of sulphur in glasses; evolution of sulphur concentrations in igneous systems via measurements on melt inclusions; partitioning of sulphur between melts and fluids; saturation of sulphur and equilibrium with sulphur-bearing minerals; and thermodynamic models for sulphur solubility.

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