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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Frontiers 2007



Ben Harte

This month the MinSoc is very pleased to be hosting the Frontiers in Mineral Sciences meeting in Cambridge, UK (26–28 June). This meeting will be the first joint meeting of the mineralogical societies of the USA, Canada, France and Great Britain & Ireland. The initial concept for the meeting was developed when Michael Carpenter and David Price were the presidents of MSA and MinSoc, respectively, and it quickly grew to embrace MAC and SFMC. The meeting will cover all aspects of mineralogy and associated studies in petrology and geochemistry, and it has been a great pleasure to see the interest this unique venture has generated – the meeting rapidly became fully subscribed, with over 350 participants.

In addition to the scientific interest, MinSoc feels assured the occasion will be pleasant in all respects since it is taking place in Cambridge in summer. Participants will have the opportunity to savour pleasures such as walking round the Cambridge colleges and punting on the river Cam. The conference dinner and medal presentations will take place in the Fellows' Garden in Magdalene College. MinSoc is pleased to acknowledge Michael Carpenter as initiator and principal Cambridge organiser of the conference. We look forward to seeing all participants at the end of June.

Ben Harte

President, Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland

Peter Kelemen – Hallimond Lecturer 2007



Peter Kelemen of Columbia University will be giving the Hallimond Lecture at the Frontiers meeting on Tuesday 26 June. His talk, entitled "Feedback Mechanisms in Reactive Fluid Transport: Field Examples and Simple Models", is based on his extensive work in the field of reactive fluid transport. His studies are concerned with the genesis and evolution of the Earth's crust in ocean basins, arcs and continents. He brings the perspective that reactions between melt and rock during transport through the

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