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Mineralogical Society of Poland

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The general assembly of the Mineralogical Society of Poland was held on December 14, 2006, in Kraków. The current affairs of the society and new trends were heatedly discussed. Professor Andrzej Wiewióra, from the Institute of Geological Sciences of the Polish Academy of Science in Warsaw, a distinguished investigator of clay minerals, a meritorious representative of the mineralogical sciences in Poland, and an honorary member of the Society since 2005, received a special diploma. The award for the best MSc thesis in mineralogy, petrology, and geochemistry in 2006 went to Marek Szczerba from the Institute of Geological Sciences of the Jagiellonian University in Kraków. His thesis, entitled "Mineralogical and Geochemical Aspects of the Oxidized Zone in the Zn-Pb Ore Deposit at the Pomorzany Mine near Olkusz," was carried out under the supervision of Zbigniew Sawłowicz.



Marek Michalik (right) congratulating Professor Andrzej Wiewióra, Honorary Member of the Society. In the background are Katarzyna Górniak and Beata Zych.



Marek Szczerba receiving a diploma for the best MSc thesis from Barbara Kwiecirska.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AND TRADE FAIR OF MINERALS, FOSSILS AND JEWELLERY

On December 2 and 3, 2006, the thirtieth International Exhibition and Trade Fair of Minerals, Fossils, and Jewellery was held by the Geological Museum of the AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków. It is one of the oldest and biggest exhibitions in Poland, with around eight thousand visitors each time. The honorary patrons were the rector of the AGH, the dean of the Faculty of Geology, Geophysics and Environmental Protection AGH, the president of the Polish Mineralogical Society, and the Committee of the Miners' Days at the AGH. Several thematic collections were awarded a prize: "Minerals of Bajkal and Spitsbergen" (A. Pasek and A. Laskowska); "Agates of Lower Silesia, Poland" (P. Szczerbin); "Minerals of Morocco" (E. Mathia and P. Budzyński); "Minerals of the World" (J. Krzywda, K. Krzywda, and A. Górny); "Upper Carboniferous Fossilized Tree Trunks" (D. Stryjniak); "Jurassic Fossils from the Vicinity of Kraków" (W. Bogacz); and "Banded Chert Articles" (D. Wachowiak and J. Wachowiak).

The International Exhibition and Trade Fair of Minerals, Fossils, and Jewellery will be held again at the Academy of Mining and Metallurgy on June 9 and 10 and July 28 and 29, 2007, in Kraków.



International Exhibition and Trade Fair of Minerals, Fossils, and Jewellery held at the Academy of Mining and Metallurgy



Przemysław Budzyński and his award-winning collection of Moroccan minerals

ACCESSORY MINERALS IN-SITU: MICROANALYTICAL METHODS AND PETROLOGICAL APPLICATIONS

Kraków, Poland, 15-16 September 2007

Accessory minerals play an important role in petrological studies. They provide a wide spectrum of information on the P–T–t–d (pressure–temperature–time–deformation) evolution of rocks. The last decade was a time of significant advances in our knowledge of accessory-mineral reactions, advances that were accompanied by, and facilitated by, the development and application of new microanalytical techniques. This workshop will provide a forum to present and discuss new analytical techniques and their application to accessory-minerals research. Topics of interest include:

- Monazite analysis and dating by ion probe, proton microprobe, and electron microprobe
- Experimental techniques and new experimental data concerning accessory-mineral equilibrium and reaction processes
- Electron backscatter diffraction techniques and applications

The two-day workshop will include invited presentations, general discussion, presentations of analytical techniques, software, laboratory tours, and more.

Articles related to the workshop materials and presentations will be published in *Mineralogia Polonica*.

THE WORKSHOP REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 30, 2007

For further information, please visit
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