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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you ask your average geochemist, "What is the Ingerson Lecture?" he or she will not know the answer. The same geochemist will be similarly stumped by the question "Who started the Geochemical Society (GS)?" The answer to the latter question is Dr. F. Earl Ingerson (1906–1993; see below). The Ingerson Lecture is given at the Geological Society of America annual meeting, and the lecturer is

chosen by the Geochemical Society's Board of Directors to honor both Ingerson and the annual lecturer. This year's distinguished lecturer will be Terry Plank, currently professor of Earth sciences at Boston University.

The Ingerson Lecture, now an annual event, was first given in 1990 following a funding bequest by Professor Ingerson to the Geochemical Society. A similar bequest to the International Association of Geochemistry (IAGC) was used to initiate the International Ingerson Lecture, which is given every 2 to 4 years at a suitable international geochemistry conference.

The two lectures commemorate Ingerson, who founded the Geochemical Society (GS), the IAGC, and the journals *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* and *Organic Geochemistry*. Ingerson also served as the first president of the GS and the IAGC. He received his PhD *cum laude* in geology from Yale University in 1934. From 1935 to 1947 he worked at the Geophysical Laboratory (Carnegie Institution, Washington, DC) and in 1947 he became the chief of the Geochemistry and Petrology Branch of the U.S. Geological Survey. He was at the USGS until he moved to the University of Texas at Austin in 1958. At UT, he served as professor of geology until he retired in 1977. From 1961 to 1964 he also served as associate dean of the graduate school. Over his career he authored nearly 200 publications treating petrofabric analysis, ore-forming fluids, geologic thermometry, and other geological and geochemical topics. He was the recipient of the Day Medal (Geological Society of America, 1955) and the Distinguished Service Award (U.S. Department of the Interior, 1959).

Please honor our founder and the founder of our world-renowned journal by attending both the Ingerson Lecture by Terry Plank and the annual GS/MSA reception in Denver at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America this October. The reception is scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 30, and the lecture is usually scheduled for either Tuesday or Wednesday of GSA week. I hope to see you there.

Susan L. Brantley
President, Geochemical Society

SUMMARY OF THE INGERSON LECTURERS BY YEAR

- 2007 – **Terry Plank** – *Squeezing Water from a Stone (Water in Arc Magmas)*
 2006 – **Robert Aller** – *Tropical Deltaic Systems as Unsteady Diagenetic Reactors, Global C Incinerators, and Reverse Weathering Centers*
 2005 – **Adina Paytan** – *A New Look into the Marine Phosphorus Cycle*
 2004 – **Roberta L. Rudnick** – *Geochemical Probing of Continental Dynamics*
 2003 – **Emily M. Klein** – *Geochemical Variability of Ocean Ridge Basalts and Constraints on Mantle and Crust Melt Distribution*
 2002 – **Susan L. Brantley** – *Eating and Breathing at the Water–Rock Interface*
 2001 – **Miriam Kastner** – *Methane Hydrates Characterization and Role in Past and Future Climate Change*

NOTES FROM SAINT LOUIS

RIMG Short Course

Paleoaltimetry: Geochemical and Thermodynamic Approaches

October 26–27, 2007 – Denver, CO

ORGANIZER: Matthew Kohn,
University of South Carolina,
Columbia, SC, USA

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Early registration deadline is
September 15.

More information is available at
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Paleoaltimetry_descrptn.html](http://minsocam.org/MSA/SC/Paleoaltimetry_descrptn.html)

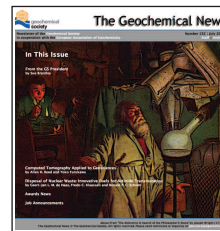
2007 Goldschmidt Student Travel Grants



The Geochemical Society is proud to have teamed up with the 2007 Goldschmidt organizers, the European Association for Geochemistry, the Deutsche Mineralogische Gesellschaft, the Geochemical Society of Japan, and the National Science Foundation, to provide over 46,000 euros to 72 students from 21 different countries to help them attend the 2007 Goldschmidt Conference in Cologne, Germany.

A portion of the Geochemical Society's financial contribution was provided by donations from these GS members: Charlotte Allen, Lindgren Lin Chyi, Ghislaine Crozaz, Jacqueline Dixon, Geoffrey Glasby, Heinz Huber, James McManus, David Peate, Sheila Roberts, Daniela Rubatto, James Russell, and William Ullman. If you would like to contribute to the 2008 Student Travel Grant Fund for the Goldschmidt Conference in Vancouver, please visit the Geochemical Society's website or contact Seth Davis.

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- Computed Tomography Applied to Geosciences by Allen H. Reed and Yoko Furukawa
- Disposal of Nuclear Waste: Innovative Fuels for Actinide Transmutation by Geert-Jan L. M. de Haas, Frodo C. Klaassen, and Ronald P. C. Schram
- Awards News

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Free Job-Link Postings

The Geochemical Society is providing free job-link postings on its website. If your institute has a job opening, forward the link to us. If you are looking for a job, please stop by and see what is available.

Call for 2008 Award Nominations

Once again it is time to send your nominations for the Goldschmidt Medal, Clarke Medal, Patterson Award, Treibs Award, and GS/EAG Geochemical Fellows Award. **November 15, 2007**, is the deadline for submission of nominations. For information on nomination requirements, please visit the Geochemical Society website.

Please take the time to consider honoring your valued friends and colleagues for their accomplishments. With your help we can ensure that all of geochemistry is encompassed and all geochemists are considered.

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