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AU REVOIR, MICHÈLE!

After 19 years of devoted service as editorial secretary of the *European Journal of Mineralogy (EJM)*, Michèle Canaple retired a few weeks ago. She announced her retirement to the readers of *EJM* in volume 19, page 671, and the event was duly celebrated on April 24, 2007, by the SFMC, the *EJM* and the Institut de Minéralogie et de Physique de la Matière Condensée (IMPMC), Michèle's host laboratory at CNRS–Université Pierre et Marie Curie in Paris.



The 'EJM gang': Michèle Canaple, editorial secretary, between Christian Willaime, founding managing editor (on the right), and Christian Chopin, present managing editor (on the left). PHOTO COURTESY OF ALAIN JEANNE-MICHAUD

This celebration was the opportunity to gather some of Michèle's friends and colleagues, as well as authors, editors and the printer of *EJM*. SFMC president Catherine Mével and IMPMC director Bernard Capelle expressed their highest appreciation of Michèle's fidelity to both institutions and recalled the historical link between them. As *EJM* managing editor, I conveyed to the gathering a flavor of the daily work of the editorial secretary. Nineteen years of never-ending copy editing, proof

reading and blue-print checking; nineteen years of strict adherence to the publication schedule, in spite of late author corrections, late manuscripts (those vexing special issues, in which the whole convoy has to wait for the slowest ship), and a managing editor lost in his dreams. A paradoxical job, too: solitary office work with the manuscripts in complete organizational autonomy, and at the same time in contact with authors around the world. We thanked Michèle, who has been educating all of us, authors and editors, for a generation ... or more. Indeed, as was recalled by Christian Willaime, the first *EJM* managing editor, Michèle in an earlier life also cared in the same way for one of the ancestors of the *EJM*,



Part of the gathering: from right to left, Catherine Mével, SFMC president, Bernard Capelle, director of IMPMC, and Michèle's colleagues. PHOTO COURTESY OF ALAIN JEANNE-MICHAUD

the *Bulletin de la Société Française de Minéralogie et de Cristallographie*, which was to become the *Bulletin de Minéralogie* in 1978. Appointed in 1972 by the then leading figures of the Laboratoire de Minéralogie de Paris (Professors Jean Wyart, Hubert Curien, and André Authier), Michèle and Christian stepped together into this venture, starting from scratch with a journal that had a publication delay of about a year. Combining Michèle's organisational and formal rigor and Christian's scientific rigor, they succeeded within a year to make it a respectable journal again, and within a few years to make it an international journal whose impact factor exceeded

that of its British sister magazine. From these early times to the present European enterprise, Michèle Canaple and Christian Willaime have witnessed and been involved in many changes—from the era of lead fonts to today's electronic publishing. In this spirit, Michèle received, among other presents, a book entitled *Les caractères de l'Imprimerie nationale*, illustrating the fascinating variety of fonts that allows the French Imprimerie nationale to print nearly any alphabetical or non-alphabetical writing.

After so many years of dedicated work and permanent stress, it is now time for Michèle to enjoy more peaceful days in her beloved Normandy. This is our cheeriest wish to her.

Christian Chopin
EJM Managing Editor



SERPENTINES WORKSHOP

10–12 October 2007

UNIVERSITÉ JOSEPH FOURIER, GRENOBLE, FRANCE

THEMATIC PROGRAM

- Mineralogy and crystallography of serpentines
- Serpentinization of oceanic peridotites, geochemical and geophysical features
- Rheology of serpentines
- Serpentine, planetology and exobiology
- Serpentine and the environment

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Many French researchers in mineralogy, crystallography, geology, geochemistry, geophysics, planetology, physics of solids and other fields are interested in serpentines. The meeting will provide this scientific community with two days of plenary lectures, communications, poster presentations and discussions on the above themes. As serpentines show many similarities with carbon nanotubes, Dr. Annick Loiseau from the Microstructures Lab (LEM) at ONERA, the French Aerospace Lab, will be present for a round table discussion. A one-day field trip to the beautiful 496 Ma old ophiolites of Chamrousse, in the Belledone Massif, will be led by French, Italian, Spanish and Swiss scientists. This SFMC workshop is supported by the Observatory of Sciences of the Universe of Grenoble (OSUG, UJF-CNRS).

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