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### INTRODUCING MEMBERS OF IAG COUNCIL

The IAG Council is the governing body responsible for overseeing all of the Association's activities and is also charged with establishing new initiatives. We take this opportunity to provide brief biographies of eight of the regular members of Council. All IAG members are invited to convey to any of these representatives their suggestions on how the IAG might better serve the professional interests of the geoanalytical community. Profiles of the other Council members will be highlighted in a future issue.



**L. PAUL BÉDARD** (PBEDARD@UQAC.CA)

Member of IAG and member of IAG Council since 2000 (web master), member of the IAG Certification Committee since 2005

Since 1999, Paul has managed the geochemistry laboratory at Université du Québec à Chicoutimi (Canada), which features LA-ICP-MS, INAA, AA, a sulfur/carbon analyser, XRD, micro-XRF, HPLC,

micromill, HPA, and clean room facilities. His main research interests are the analysis of ores, PGEs, and Se, and he has made recent contributions concerning selenium and sulfur determination techniques. He is also active in the marketing of the Earth sciences.



**MICHEL GRÉGOIRE**  
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Member of IAG and member of IAG Council since 2006

Michel researches the petrology, mineralogy, and geochemistry of ultrabasic and basic rocks from the lower crust and mantle (e.g. in Patagonia, Kerguelen Islands, Philippines, Oman, and South Africa) in order to

develop tools for understanding the evolution of metasomatic melts percolating through the oceanic and subcontinental upper mantle. He specializes in the use of electron microprobe and solution/laser ICP-MS techniques at the Université de Toulouse.



**KYM JARVIS** (KYM.JARVIS@VIRGIN.NET)

Member of IAG Council since its creation in 1997 and regional editor of *GGR* for more than 20 years

Kym is an igneous geologist by background but now focuses her research on environmental/forensic geochemistry and on the development of models for source apportionment of heavy metals around road

systems. She heads the NERC ICP facility at Kingston University, UK, and is responsible for providing ICP-MS and ICP-AES instrument access and training.

**JEAN S. KANE** (JEANSKANE@AOL.COM)

Member of IAG Council since its creation in 1997, founding chairperson of the IAG's Certification Committee 2002-2006, and *GGR* editorial board member since 1990



Jean is a former scientist at the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology and the U.S. Geological Survey, where she had responsibility for these organizations' reference material programs. She has conducted research in a wide range of fields relating to the metrology of reference materials for geological and environmental use, including the interpretation of ISO guidelines for certification purposes, the concepts of traceability of measurement in geochemical analysis, and fitness-for-purpose of reference values. She was the lead author of the IAG's protocol for RM production and a co-author of the report and certificate of analysis for the OU-6 slate RM.



**MAGGI LOUBSER** (MAGGI.LOUBSER@UP.AC.ZA)

Member of IAG since 1998, member of IAG Council since 2006, and chairperson of the Geoanalysis 2009 Organizing Committee

Maggi has been a member of the South Africa Chemical Institute since 1998, and a member and honorary secretary of the South African Spectroscopic Society since 1997. Since 1994, she has managed the XRF laboratory at the University of Pretoria. Her main interests are the teaching of XRF spectroscopy and the development of new methods for industrial clients, especially sample preparation and representative sampling. She has been involved in in-house training and setting up XRF laboratories. Her recent research involved the characterization of the reactions occurring during the preparation of a lithium borate glass bead for the purpose of XRF sample preparation.



**THOMAS MEISEL** (THOMAS.MEISEL@MU-LEOBEN.AT)

Member of IAG since 2003, member of the IAG Council since 2006, member of the editorial board of *GGR* since 2004, and chairperson of the IAG Certification Committee since 2006

Thomas is a trained chemist specializing in analytical geochemistry with a focus on platinum group elements and Os isotopes. He is currently chair of General and Analytical Chemistry at the Montanuniversität Leoben, Austria, where he deals with the chemometric aspects in analytical geochemistry. Since 2005, he has been IAG's liaison person with ISO-REMCO, the reference material subcommittee of the International Standards Organization. He is active in the area of reference materials development and certification for the Earth science community.



**DOUG MILES** (DOUG.MILES@NTLWORLD.COM)

Founding president of the IAG, member of Council since 1997, and company secretary of the IAG's trading arm IAGeo Ltd. since 2006

Originally a chemical oceanographer, Doug devoted most of his career to the British Geological Survey, retiring as head of the Survey's analytical geochemistry laboratories at Keyworth. He is particularly interested in ICP spectrometry. As part of the UK's international cooperation program, he set up environmental analytical laboratories and trained staff in India, Sri Lanka, Peru, and Africa.



**EDWARD WILLIAMS** (WILLIAMS@CRPG.CNRS-NANCY.FR)

Member of the IAG and member of IAG Council since 2006, managing editor of *GGR* since 1999

A geologist by training, Ed maintains research interests in the stratigraphy and fluvial sedimentology of the Irish and British Old Red Sandstone, Devonian system timescales and U-Pb zircon geochronology, Irish Variscan structural geology, and conglomeratic sediments in alluvial fan (Spanish Pyrénées) and fan delta settings (Corinth Rift). Prior to moving to CRPG in Nancy, he held positions at the University of Plymouth (UK) and ETH Zürich.