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'BONDS AND BRIDGES' IN 2010: CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS FOR NEXT IMA GENERAL MEETING



The next IMA General Meeting will be held in Budapest, Hungary, on 21–27 August 2010 and will have the title 'Bonds and Bridges'. Joining the country with the famous bridge over the Danube are seven other East European countries, and this consortium is now busy making preparations for the conference. The organizations involved are the Mineralogical Society of Austria, the Mineralogical-Geochemical Branch of the Hungarian Geological Society, the Mineralogical Society of Romania, the Geochemical-Mineralogical Branch of the Geological Society of Slovakia, the Czech Geological Society, the Croatian Mineralogical Association, the Mineralogical Association of Poland, the Slovenian Geological Society, and Eötvös L. University, Budapest. This is the first time such a consortium has hosted the IMA General Meeting, and it shows that smaller member countries can become involved in hosting a major international conference. The general chairman and chairman of the scientific committee is Ekkehart Tillmanns from Vienna (ekkehart.tillmanns@univie.ac.at), and the chairman of the international organizing committee is Tamás Weiszbürg from Budapest (weiszbürg@ludens.elte.hu). Session proposals are now being sought, and you can register to receive further details on the website at www.ima2010.hu. The second circular will be published in summer 2008.

NEW MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY IN JAPAN

On 22 September 2007, the Japan Association of Mineralogical Sciences (JAMS) was created by combining two pre-existing Japanese societies, the Mineralogical Society of Japan (MSJ) and the Japanese Association of Mineralogists, Petrologists, and Economic Geologists (JAMPEG). These two societies, both more than 50 years old, have been leaders in the mineralogical and petrological sciences. Recent research developments within the Earth and planetary materials sciences have required more interactions among the disciplines covered by both societies, thus leading to their merging into a larger association. JAMS takes over all of the functions

from MSJ as the supporting organization representing Japan in the IMA. The *Journal of Mineralogical and Petrological Sciences (JMPS)*, which has been published by MSJ and JAMPEG, is now the official journal of the new society JAMS. Contact Eiji Ohtani, ohtani@mail.tains.tohoku.ac.jp, for further details.

NEW MINERALS RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE IMA-CNMNC

The IMA Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification publishes details of new minerals on its website for comparative purposes and as a service to mineralogists working on new species. The listing of new minerals approved up until December 2007 is now available. The names of these approved species are considered confidential

information until the authors have published their descriptions or released information themselves, so no other information will be released by the Commission. You can access the list via the main IMA website at www.ima-mineralogy.org/ or go to it directly at www.geo.vu.nl/users/ima-cnmnc/ and click on 'Recent New Minerals'.

SLOVENIA – NEW IMA MEMBER COUNTRY

Although Slovenia is a member of the consortium hosting the 2010 IMA General Meeting, it is in fact a newcomer to IMA. When the IMA Council met in June 2007, we were pleased to approve the joining of Slovenia as the 39th member of IMA. There are only about 20 mineralogical scientists in the Slovenia group, of whom the national representative is Dr. Meta Dobnikar of the

University of Ljubljana (meta.dobnikar@ntf.uni-lj.si). They jump straight in at the deep end as co-organizers of the General Meeting (!). We warmly welcome them to IMA and hope that their joining will improve international contacts and relationships and help promote their science. Now, is there another country that would like to bring the membership to an even forty?

LAST CALL FOR IMA MEDAL NOMINATIONS



This is the last call to nominate someone for the prestigious IMA Medal for excellence in mineralogical research, as represented primarily by scientific publications of outstanding original research in mineralogy (see the October issue of *Elements* for full details). The deadline for nominations is 1 April 2008, so there is still time to take part and nominate a scientist from an IMA member country. If you would like to receive more information or make a nomination, please contact Joel Grice, Chairman IMA Medal Committee (jgrice@mus-nature.ca).

NEW ADDRESS FOR IMA COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

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