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Italian Society of Mineralogy and Petrology

OBITUARY FOR CURZIO CIPRIANI, PAST-PRESIDENT OF SIMP



Curzio Cipriani, president of the Società Italiana di Mineralogia e Petrologia (SIMP) in 1984–1985, passed away on 6 December 2007 in Florence, where he was born on 26 November 1927. He was Professor Emeritus of Mineralogy at the University of Florence, where he graduated in chemistry in 1950. As an assistant to Prof. Guido Carobbi, he continued to update his famous textbook *Mineralogy*, which generations of students used to learn about mineralogy. With the exception of a three-year period in

Padova, he carried out his teaching and research activities at the University of Florence. He was a member of the National Academy of Lincei, the Tuscan Academy of Sciences and Letters "La Colombaria", and several other institutions. For more than twenty years Curzio Cipriani was the Italian member on the Commission of Museums of the International Mineralogical Association. From 1981 to 1989 he was chairman of the National Association of Scientific Museums, and he founded the national journal *Museologia Scientifica*. He was a strong promoter of GNM (Gruppo Nazionale di Mineralogia), which he chaired from its foundation in 1991 until 2000.

Since his first paper (1952) on ralsstonite and matteuccite, he contributed to the systematics of minerals with hundreds of scientific publications. The last one, an outstanding historical account of Giovanni Targioni Tozzetti, was published just a few months ago. His wide scientific interests also encompassed modern methods of spectroscopic analysis of sulfides, sulfosalts and meteorites. The mineral ciprianiite, a borosilicate from the Vico volcanic complex, commemorates his 50-year-long commitment as a mineralogist and will carry his memory on to future generations.

SIMP PRIZES FOR 2007

Nogara Prize to Andrea Dini



The SIMP has awarded its 2007 Nogara Prize to Andrea Dini for his work in ore mineralogy. Andrea Dini is a researcher at the Institute of Geosciences and Georesources (IGG, Pisa) of the Italian National Research Council (CNR). He graduated in geological sciences in 1992 and got his PhD in 1997. In 2001–2002 he was responsible for a project devoted to the multidisciplinary study (B and O isotopes, mineral chemistry) of magmatic-hydrothermal tourmalines from Tuscany. Between 2002 and 2005 he spent several months in Switzerland (ETH, Zürich and Isotopengeologie Institute, Bern) and Germany (Göttingen) doing analytical work and collaborating with other scientists. As part of the Italian polar scientific activities (XXI Italian Antarctic Expedition, 2005–2006), he spent two months in Antarctica carrying out field work and sampling plutonic-metamorphic complexes in the area between Terra Nova Bay and the Usarp Mountains (northern Victoria Land). He is responsible for the TIMS laboratory at IGG where radiogenic (Sr, Nd, Pb) and stable (B) isotope systematics are being applied to the study of rocks, minerals and waters. Dr. Dini is author or co-author of more than 30 peer-reviewed papers on ore geology, isotope geology and the emplacement mechanisms of granitic intrusions.

FIRST SIMP–AIC JOINT MEETING

Sestri Levante, 7–12 September 2008



The SIMP and the AIC (Associazione Italiana di Cristallografia) are very glad to hold their first joint meeting, which has received the patronage of the National Committee of the International Year of Planet Earth. The aim of the meeting is to tighten relations among the Italian petrological, mineralogical and crystallographic communities, to encourage new points of contacts and to stimulate further synergies. Particular emphasis will be put on the contributions that an atomistic perspective may give to the study of geomaterials, from the point of view of their stability and systematics and of their role in natural and anthropogenic processes, especially with respect to interactions between the geosphere and the biosphere.

The rationale of the meeting is a journey from the interior towards the surface of the planet Earth. This journey starts with the present knowledge of mantle processes, focuses on reaction surfaces in minerals and in geo- and nanomaterials, and ends with the study and engineering of systems relevant to Earth, materials and biological sciences. A number of thematic symposia will summarise the state of Italian research in mineralogy and petrology, the applications of this research to environmental issues and cultural heritage, and the many facets of crystallographic research. Outstanding scientists from several countries and disciplines (E. Boanini, G. Calestani, M. Menzies, F.C. Hawthorne, K. Janssens, P. Paoli, A. Peccerillo, E. Sokolova, G.

Valdrè, R. Wogelius, S. Zanardi) have been invited to give plenary talks. The meeting will be held on September 7–12, 2008, in Sestri Levante (Genoa, Italy), in the historical building of the Fondazione Mediterraneo. Further details are available at the website <http://simp.dst.unipi.it/SIMP-AIC%202008/>. The deadline for early registration and abstract submission is June 7, 2008.

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