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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IAGS 2009

We look forward to the AAG's 24th International Applied Geochemistry Symposium (IAGS), to be held in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, on 1–4 June 2009. The technical program has been finalized; details and a first call for papers are available at www.unb.ca/conferences/IAGS2009. The symposium will feature 17 thematic sessions, with topics ranging from deep-search geochemical exploration methods to the application of geochemistry in CO₂ sequestration. There will be a plenary session in honor of Prof. Gerry Govett. A number of associated field excursions will run throughout the region before and after the symposium. This biennial meeting will be cosponsored for the first time by the AAG, the IAGC and the IAG, providing opportunity for members of the three societies to meet and discuss recent advances in areas of applied, pure and analytical geochemistry, on top of attending social gatherings.

AAG Distinguished Lecturer

On the educational front, Dr. Kurt Kyser from Queen's University will deliver a number of talks, in various locations worldwide, as the AAG Distinguished Lecturer for 2007–2009. Organizations interested in hosting talks by Kurt should contact the AAG. Details are on the AAG website (www.appliedgeochemists.org). The AAG is also increasing its commitment to the general educational side of the discipline through support of various short courses and workshops during the year, as well as by providing programs of training offered by individual AAG members to industry and the tertiary educational sector.

Supporting Students

The component of university Earth science programs that invariably attracts the strongest positive responses from students is fieldwork and related practical experiences – the opportunity to put theory into practice. Many science students decide to major in the geosciences after first-year field trips, and this decision is then reinforced by subsequent excursions arranged by their institutions or student societies. The logistics and costs of such ventures are substantial, and AAG will be renewing its efforts to secure additional funding from industry to support associated student chapters.

On the topic of students, all members of the geochemistry community are invited to submit nominations for the 2008 AAG Student Paper Competition, sponsored by SGS Mineral Services. The paper must have been published in the society's journal, *GEEA*, with the student as the principal author. All that is required is a copy of the paper and a brief letter setting out the grounds for nomination. Supervisors can nominate their students. Details are available at www.appliedgeochemists.org.

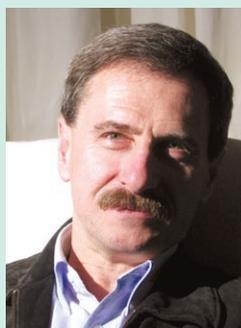
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Field excursion to examine acid mine drainage at the historic Sunny Corner Ag mine for staff and students from the University of New South Wales

INTRODUCING THE PRESIDENT



David Cohen

Prof. David Cohen is currently the departmental head at the School of Biological, Earth, and Environmental Sciences at the University of New South Wales (UNSW). He has over 20 years of experience in applied geochemistry and is a longstanding member of the AAG. Dave attended the University of Sydney, Queen's University (Canada), and UNSW, always with a focus on applied geochemical research. His teaching and research interests are exploration and environmental geochemistry, biogeochemistry, regional geochemical mapping, selective geochemical extractions, and statistical data analysis. Dave is a well-received keynote speaker and regularly publishes in the journals *Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment and Analysis (GEEA)* and *Journal of Geochemical Exploration*. Dave has been a key contributor to the Cooperative Research Centre for Landscape Environments and Mineral Exploration (CRC LEME) in Australia, which is renowned for applying regolith science to the challenges facing Australia in natural resource management and mineral exploration.



CALL FOR PAPERS (Oral and Poster)

24th International Applied Geochemistry Symposium • Monday June 1st to Thursday June 4th, 2009
hosted by the University of New Brunswick – Fredericton, New Brunswick (Canada)
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The extended-abstract volume will have a format of two to four pages in *GEEA* format, with a short 200-word abstract. These extended abstracts will be printed and reproduced on CD, as well as made available on the AAG website. The final deadline for submitting extended abstracts is February 15, 2009. For details on the abstract format, check out the website.