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### EMU SCHOOL 2010

We are excited about the planning of the EMU School 2010 and the corresponding volume of *EMU* Notes. The school will be held in Oviedo (Spain) from June 27 to 30, 2010, and will be on the topic “Ion Partitioning in Ambient-Temperature Aqueous Systems: From Fundamentals to Applications in Climate Proxies and Environmental Geochemistry”. The school will focus on the distribution of major, minor, and trace elements in water-rock interactions and during biomineralization, and on the applications of these systems to current research topics in climate change and environmental conservation. Oviedo is in northern Spain and offers beautiful scenery and a mild climate at this time of year.

The school will start with a session on thermodynamics, kinetics, and geochemical modelling of ion partitioning, which will include lectures and computer demonstrations by **Manuel Prieto** (University of Oviedo), **Andrew Putnis** (University of Münster), and **Dimitri Kulik** (Paul Scherrer Institute). A session on ion partitioning and isotope fractionation in low-temperature geochemical systems will follow: precipitation–dissolution of carbonates and sulphates (**Michael Böttcher** (Leibniz Institute for Baltic Research), water–rock interactions in the marine environment (**Christophe Monnin**, University of Toulouse-CNRS), mineral replacement reactions (**Christine Putnis**, University of Münster; **Lurdés Fernández-Diaz**, University of Madrid) and climate controls of trace element variations in stalagmites (**Ian Fairchild**, University of Birmingham). A third session will deal with the environmental implications of ion partitioning and will include lectures on the uptake of toxic metals (**Athanasios Godelitsas**, University of Athens; **José Manuel Astilleros**, University of Madrid), ion partitioning effects during carbonation of silicate minerals (**Eric Oelkers**, University of Toulouse-CNRS) and applications of co-crystallization in nuclear waste repositories (**Dirk Bosbach**, Forschungszentrum Jülich). The school will end with a session on trace element partitioning during biomineralization of corals (**Anne Cohen**, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution), foraminifera and coccoliths (**Heather Stoll**, University of Oviedo).

In addition the school will be coordinated with MISCA2, a joint meeting of the Italian and Spanish crystallographic associations, to be held in Oviedo from June 30 to July 3, 2010. The EMU School and MISCA2 will hold a joint session on crystal growth and biomineralization, offering complementary expertise on this interdisciplinary topic.

Further information can be found on the school webpage, www.geol.uniovi.es/emu. E-mail contact: emuschool@geol.uniovi.es  

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