



Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Moving Forward

This year sees the Mineralogical Society progressing on several fronts. Our membership numbers are up; we are now co-publishers of the EMU Notes in Mineralogy series (expect three new titles this year); we will publish the third edition of the mineralogical classic *Rock-Forming Minerals*, by Deer, Howie and Zussman; we will publish at least one more title in the Landmark Papers series (there are four on our 'to-be-published' list); Rockwatch, the junior arm of the UK's Geologists' Association, has become one of the co-organizers of our now annual Nature's Treasures meeting, and this will lead to much increased participation by younger people; our website is being rebuilt (among other new features, our e-commerce capacity will be greatly expanded); and the collaboration with fellow European mineralogical societies that began with the 2009 MAPT conference has been extended to 2012, when we will hold a meeting in Frankfurt with the German, French, Italian, Austrian and Swiss societies. Much to keep us busy.

Future Meetings

2010 Annual Meeting – Nuclear Waste Management

28–29 September 2010

The Society's Annual Meeting has the title "Nuclear Waste Management: Research Challenges for the Future" and is being jointly organized with the Geological Society. Prof. Rod Ewing has agreed to deliver the Hallimond Lecture, and an exciting line-up of speakers and posters is anticipated. Go to www.minersoc.org/pages/meetings/nuclear/nuclear.html for information about the event and to register.



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Process Mineralogy of Metalliferous Ores: An Introduction for Geologists

22–25 June 2010 – Meeting of the Applied Mineralogy Group

WEBSITE www.minersoc.org/pages/groups/amg/amg.html

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VENUE University of Exeter, UK

Field Excursion to Cornwall, UK

28 June–3 July 2010 – Applied Mineralogy Group

The excursion will provide an introduction to the wide range of geology found in Cornwall and will include the tectonics of the Devonian metasediments, the granites, the Lizard Ophiolite and the classic Sn, W, Cu and kaolin mineralization.

WEBSITE www.minersoc.org/pages/groups/amg/amg.html#excursion

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Nature's Treasures 3

12 December 2010

Now in its third year, 'Nature's Treasures' has become a successful regular on our calendar of events.

WEBSITE www.minersoc.org/pages/meetings/nature3/nature3.html

VENUE Natural History Museum London

2011 Annual Meeting – Frontiers in Environmental Geoscience 21–24 June 2011

Make plans now to attend our 2011 Annual Meeting.

WEBSITE www.minersoc.org/pages/meetings/frontiers-2011/frontiers-2011.html

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Website

The Society's website is to receive a much-needed face-lift. As well as rebuilding the navigation system and reorganizing the content, we will be adding new features, such as an online bookshop, educational material, integral links to social networking sites and perhaps a presidential blog. Your input is requested. What would you find useful on the site? What could we do to improve existing material? Let us know about new features that we could build in. Send your comments to Kevin Murphy (kevin@minersoc.org).

Journals

'Publish ahead of print' has now been fully deployed for *Mineralogical Magazine*, on both the GeoscienceWorld and Ingenta (now known as Publishing Technology) platforms. Papers will be published online as they are accepted, in advance of paper-version publication. The same system has now been arranged for *Clay Minerals*. This will further shorten the already quick submission-to-publication time for both of these journals. Remember also that colour printing is available free of charge in *Mineralogical Magazine*.

Sustaining Membership

We have been very successful in the first year of appeals for donations to our sustaining membership fund. Many donors have opted to remain anonymous but others' names are listed on the website (www.minersoc.org/pages/msinfo/sustaining.html). We are very grateful to all donors. The funds will be used to create an endowment, the income from which will be used to support student activities, for example, attending conferences and doing fieldwork, and to help provide one-year free membership to students. Commercial organizations are also being solicited, and monies received from them will also be added to the fund.

Bursaries

This year saw a larger crop of applications for our bursaries than ever before. Read the list of successful applicants at www.minersoc.org/pages/awards/bursary-winners-2010.html.



Rob Cooke, bursary winner in 2009, doing fieldwork in Vietnam the old-fashioned way!

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