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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear members of the DMG,



I would like to draw your attention to an important political decision of the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, DFG), which might also be of interest to members of other mineralogical societies. The Senate of the DFG recently adopted new regulations to counteract various negative aspects of the flood of publications in research. The new regulations require that (1) researchers submitting proposals and reports to the DFG list only a limited number of eminent publications, and (2) more emphasis be given to the description of the research project. In order to highlight the most important papers on publications lists, applicants will, for example, be restricted to citing a maximum of five publications. Those who do not comply with the new rules will have their proposals and reports returned with a request for revision. The new regulations will be effective as of July 1, 2010.

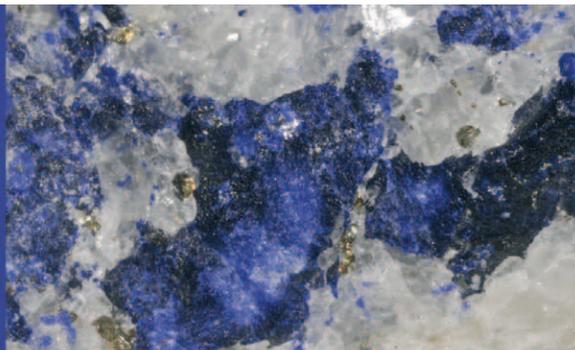
With this policy change, the DFG resolves to put more emphasis on the quality instead of the quantity of publications and to counteract

the general trend of relying heavily on quantitative measurements, such as the h-index of scientists and the impact factor of journals. The new regulations should diminish some of the pressure on scientists to publish as many papers as possible and encourage the publication of fewer but more substantial papers. In my opinion the DFG has taken a courageous step towards more reasonable publication and review policies, and I heartily recommend support of this initiative.

Yours sincerely,
Falko Langenhorst, President

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2010 PAUL-RAMDOHR AWARD

The Paul-Ramdohr Award (www.dmg-home.de/Paul_Ramdohr.html) will honor young (less than 33 years of age) graduate students who give outstanding presentations (poster or talk) on their master's or PhD research at the upcoming annual DMG meeting in Münster (www.conventus.de/dmg2010/). Nominations for the Ramdohr Award should include the curriculum vitae and publications list of the candidate as well as information about the master's or PhD thesis. Please submit nominations by September 17, 2010, to Timm John, Institute of Mineralogy, University of Münster, Corrensstrasse 24, D-48149 Münster, Germany (e-mail: tim.john@uni-muenster.de).



FROM DUST TO DUST

88th ANNUAL MEETING

of the German Mineralogical Society



September 19–22, 2010 • Münster (Germany)

Abstract submission:
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Abstract deadline: June 30th, 2010

This year's meeting will take place in the University Palace (Schloss) in beautiful city of Münster in Westphalia, Germany (see: www.muenster.de/en).

The three principal themes of the meeting will be represented by three plenary lectures:

- Petrology and Geochemistry : Hugh O'Neill Australian National University
- Applied Mineralogy and Crystallography: George W. Scherer Princeton University
- Solar Systems: Tim McCoy Smithsonian Institution, Washington

We invite contributions to sessions within these themes on the following topics:

- Metamorphic processes; Magmatic processes; Subduction zone processes; Time constraints on geological processes; Experimental and theoretical petrology; Mineralogy of the deep earth.
- Environmental mineralogy and geochemistry; Geochemical signatures in environmental archives and reservoirs: formation, preservation and application; Functional materials; Archaeometry; Fluid-rock and fluid-mineral interaction; General and applied crystallography; Ion Microprobe Characterization of Geologic Materials.
- Early differentiation and core formation of the terrestrial planets; Early Solar System.

Your conference committee

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