



International Mineralogical Association

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CHANGES IN IMA COUNCIL

Founded in 1958, the International Mineralogical Association is the world's largest organization promoting mineralogy. Its membership comprises 39 national mineralogical societies or groups. Individuals are associated with IMA and take part in IMA decision making through these national societies. IMA itself is affiliated with the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS).

The IMA supports the activities of 11 commissions and working groups, which are involved in a wide range of subjects. Examples are the Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Nomenclature, the Commission on Ore Mineralogy, the Working Group on Environmental Mineralogy and Geochemistry, and the Commission on Museums. The commissions and working groups are active in organising meetings and sessions at various conferences worldwide, including at the quadrennial IMA conference to be held in Budapest, Hungary, in August 2010. In addition to the scientific presentations, one or two business meetings will be held at the Budapest conference. This meeting will be an ideal opportunity for members to express what they would like IMA to do and to become involved in IMA activities. Delegates from each member society attend the business meetings. This year a number of changes to the Constitution and By-laws of the Association will be proposed by Council. Various new members of Council will be elected. Maryse Ohnenstetter, IMA general secretary, will stand down in Budapest after nine years of excellent work on behalf of IMA (doesn't time fly when you are having fun, Maryse?). Ian Parsons will finally come to the end of his term of office – as vice president, president and past president (I calculate that as 12 years!). Three Council members – Kari Kojonen (Finland), Marcello Mellini (Italy) and Nikolai Yushkin (Russia) – have also come to the end of their eight-year terms of office, and we thank them very much for their work. President Takamitsu Yamanaka finishes his four-year term (thank you very much Takamitsu) and becomes past president, and vice president Ekkehart Tillmanns takes over as president. Several commission and working group officers will also be due for election/re-election this year.

So Budapest, August 2010, will be the opportunity for new people with new ideas to join the IMA Council. According to IMA statutes, Council must nominate new councillors ten weeks before the business meeting in Budapest. The IMA has rules that ensure a good geographical representation on Council, and this restricts election of members residing in Austria, Canada, China and Germany to some of the Council positions. Anywhere else in the world is fine. If you are a member of one of IMA's member societies, are enthusiastic about IMA and think you could contribute to IMA management, you are welcome to contact President Takamitsu Yamanaka (t.yamanaka@kce.biglobe.ne.jp), Vice President Ekkehart Tillmanns (ekkehart.tillmanns@univie.ac.at), General Secretary Maryse Ohnenstetter (mohnen@crpg.cnrs-nancy.fr), Treasurer Bob Downs (downs@geo.arizona.edu) or Communication Officer Frances Wall (f.wall@exeter.ac.uk).

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NEW MEMBERS JOIN IMA MEDAL COMMITTEE

We welcome Monika Koch-Mueller (Potsdam, Germany) and Kazushige Tomeoka (Kobe, Japan) as new members of the IMA Medal Committee. They replace Masaki Akaogi and Catherine McCammon, who have reached the end of their terms of office. The Medal Committee chairman is now Walter Maresch (walter.maresch@rub.de), who has taken over this year from fellow councillor Marcello Mellini. The IMA expresses

its sincere thanks to the outgoing chairman and committee members. The continuing committee members are Christian Chopin, Barb Dutrow, Herta Effenberger, Roberta Oberti, Igor Pekov and Mark Welch. Last, as reported in last December's *Elements*, Frank Hawthorne is the latest winner of the IMA Medal and will receive his award at IMA2010 in Budapest.

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RECORD-BREAKING IMA CONFERENCE



IMA2010, "Bonds and Bridges", the quadrennial conference of the International Mineralogical Association, looks set to break all previous records and become the largest-ever IMA general meeting. Over 1600 abstracts have been received for 80 sessions organised into 14 themes. The conference will be held on 21–27 August in the historic city of Budapest, Hungary. Registered participants are from 74 countries, including 22 Asian and 11 African countries. This excellent geographic coverage, which reflects IMA's wish for a wide international participation, is in part the result of grants given by the conference to help attendance. Grant awardees range from students and young scientists to 'not-so-young' (retired) scientists who will add their experience to the conference discussions. If you would like to come and join in, registration is still open, and day rates are available if you can only attend part of the conference. Details can be found on the website www.ima2010.hu.

ATTEND THE ELEMENTS PLENARY LECTURES!

Sunday, August 22	Eva Valsami-Jones	Phosphates and global sustainability
August 23	Rod Ewing	"Back-end" of the nuclear fuel cycle: Role of mineralogy in the safe management of radioactive waste
August 24	Nigel Kelly	Zircon – More than just a chronometer
August 25	Mihály Pósfai	Biomineral attractions: Magnets in organisms
August 26	Nita Sahai	Mechanisms of cellular and biomacromolecular interactions with minerals in humans and animals
August 27	Glenn Waychunas	Mineralogy and geochemistry at lower dimensionality: Mineral-water interfaces and nanoparticles