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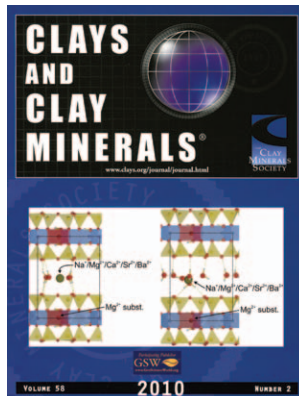
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Readers of and authors in *Clays and Clay Minerals* will be interested to know that we have now deployed an early-publication system for the electronic version of our journal (on both the GSW and Ingenta platforms). In practice, what this means is that shortly after a paper is accepted, it will be published online and will no longer have to wait, sometimes for six months, while a suitable paper issue is being prepared. In addition, the editorial team is working very hard to reduce review times. Everyone can help with this by turning reviews around in the agreed three-week time frame. Login to the online journals through the CMS website: www.clays.org/JOURNAL/CCMGsw.html.



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The Geominero Museum is located next to the Madrid School of Mines, where the SEM-2010 meeting will take place. A guided visit to the museum is scheduled within the activities of the meeting. The museum belongs to the Spanish Geological Survey (IGME) and houses historical material and samples related to the paleontology, mineralogy, and mining history of Spain. Worth noting is the collection of samples gathered by the middle of the 19th century during the first production of the geological map of Spain, published in 1848. The construction of the building, which is also the headquarters of IGME, started in 1921 and finished in 1940. PHOTO COURTESY OF IGME

The Mineralogical Society of Spain will hold its annual meeting in Madrid from September 13 to 16, 2010. The meeting will consist of a one-day workshop on September 13, scientific sessions on September 14 and 15, and a one-day field trip on September 16. The theme of the workshop will be "Biominerals and Biomineralization Processes." The workshop will be addressed mainly to young researchers and will include lectures by Erika Griesshaber (Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich), Concepcion Jimenez-Lopez (University of Granada), Paolo Montagna (Columbia University), Alberto Perez-Huerta (University of Alabama), Alejandro Rodriguez-Navarro (University of Granada), and Wolfgang W. Schmahl (Ludwig-Maximilians University of Munich). The scientific sessions will cover topics of interest to those working in crystallography, mineralogy, petrology, and geochemistry. The following session topics have been proposed: biomineralization, applied mineralogy and mineral deposits, mineral-water interaction, mineralogy and environment, and preservation of stone-based cultural heritage. The scientific sessions will be opened by plenary lectures. The confirmed speakers are Lia Addadi (Weizmann Institute of Science), Santiago Leguey (Autonomous University of Madrid), David Millward (British Geological Survey), and Mercedes Suárez Barrios (University of Salamanca). We are expecting about 30 participants in the seminar and more than 150 delegates at the scientific sessions. The meeting will end with a field trip to mineral deposits in northern Madrid. More details and forms for abstract submission and registration are available on the meeting website, www.ucm.es/centros/webs/se5092.