



FROM THE PRESIDENT



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The Goldschmidt meeting in Prague promises to be one of the year's highlights in the field of geochemistry. Prague is one of the most stunning historical cities in Eastern Europe and will thus have lots to offer delegates. Like Davos in 2009, the open call for sessions was extremely successful and has resulted in the addition of many new and timely sessions to the initial program. With more than 70,000 hotel beds in Prague, all conference delegates should easily find accommodation.

This year, the Goldschmidt abstracts will be published in *Mineralogical Magazine* and will be freely accessible online by the time of the conference at the following website: <http://gsminmag.highwire.org/>.

As the tragic events in Japan and their environmental consequences unfold, our community should become even more aware of the societal responsibility that we bear. Few other scientific communities are better prepared to tackle some of the environmental challenges that the Japanese government is now facing. Geochemists have the duty to help find solutions to current and future issues. It is also our responsibility to make our own governments aware that the science we do has the potential for developing creative solutions to modern energy, climate, resource and environment problems.

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MEETINGS

Geo-Raman 10 – First Announcement

The tenth Geo-Raman meeting, dedicated to the applications of Raman spectroscopy in the Earth sciences, will be held in Nancy on 11–13 June 2012. An associated international school will be held just after the meeting, on June 14–16. The meeting and school will be sponsored by the European Mineralogical Union and the SFMC. More details will be given in the next issue of *Elements*. Please visit the website www.geoRaman10.uhp-nancy.fr.

Serpentine Days

After the success of the Serpentine Days meeting in Grenoble in 2007, a new edition is being organized for 1–4 April 2012. The conference will take place in Porquerolles, a very hospitable island in the south of France. The meeting will be sponsored by the SFMC. More details will be provided in the next issue of *Elements*. Further information will soon be available on the SFMC website: www.sfmc-fr.org/.

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TEM in Mineralogy 2011: 10–14 October 2011 Joint SFMC–DMG Graduate and PhD Course



The first German–French school on the theme “Transmission Electron Microscopy in Mineralogy,” organized by the DMG and SFMC, will be held at the University of Lille in October 2011. The main aspects of TEM techniques (conventional and high-resolution imaging, diffraction, spectroscopy and chemical analysis) will be covered by the course, which will feature practical sessions, simulations and worked examples. Short instructional sessions will add theoretical support to the experiments, analysis and interpretation. The number of participants is limited to 12. The school will interest graduate students, postdocs and researchers. An examination for ECTS credit points will be held at the end of the school. Inscription fee: 300 euros. For more information and registration, go to <http://umet.univ-lille1.fr/Animation/MinTem.php/>.

