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### 31<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE SPANISH MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Spanish Mineralogical Society (SEM) will take place in Barcelona from September 7 to 10, 2011. It will be organized in collaboration with the University of Barcelona, the Autonomous University of Barcelona, the Catalonia Polytechnic, and the Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research of the Spanish Research Council.

On September 7, a workshop entitled "Nanoparticles in the Environment" will be held. Six lectures given by international specialists will present basic knowledge about the impact of nanoparticles in natural systems, from research methodology to toxicological matters. Lecturers will be Renata Behra (EAWAG), Laurent Charlet (University of Grenoble), Gabriel Cuello (ILL), Antonietta Gatti (University of Bologna), Victor Puentes (Institut Catala de Nanotecnologia), and Xavier Querol (IDAEA-CSIC).

The scientific sessions (oral and poster) will be held on September 8 and 9. They are open to all research in mineralogy, petrology, and geochemistry. Specific topics include atmospheric particulates, biomineralization, clays and clay minerals, low-grade metamorphism, mineral deposits, acid mine waters, conservation of heritage, and CO<sub>2</sub> geologic storage. We aim to promote discussion of ideas and new collaborations, especially among young researchers.

A geotourist field trip to the Cardona salt diapir will be offered on September 10. The meeting is open to the international community. Contributions can be presented in Spanish or English.

For current information: <http://www.ehu.es/sem/>.

### STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

Two travel grants financed by the SEM are available to provide partial financial support to help doctoral students attend the International School "Minerals & Biosphere," which will be held in Campiglia Marittima (Italy) on 27-30 September 2011. All student members of the SEM are eligible for these grants. Applications must be sent to SEM Vice-President Fernando Nieto ([nieto@ugr.es](mailto:nieto@ugr.es)).

### NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

A new president, a new treasurer, and five councilors were recently elected to serve the usual four-year term on the Executive Council. These persons are Carlos Ayora (CSIC, Barcelona, new president, and introduced in a previous issue); Pilar Mata (IGME, Madrid, new treasurer); and Patricia Acero (University of Zaragoza), José Manuel Astilleros (University Complutense Madrid), Isabel Carretero (University of Sevilla), Mercedes Fuertes (University of Oviedo), and José Miguel Herrero (University of Basque Country) (new councilors).

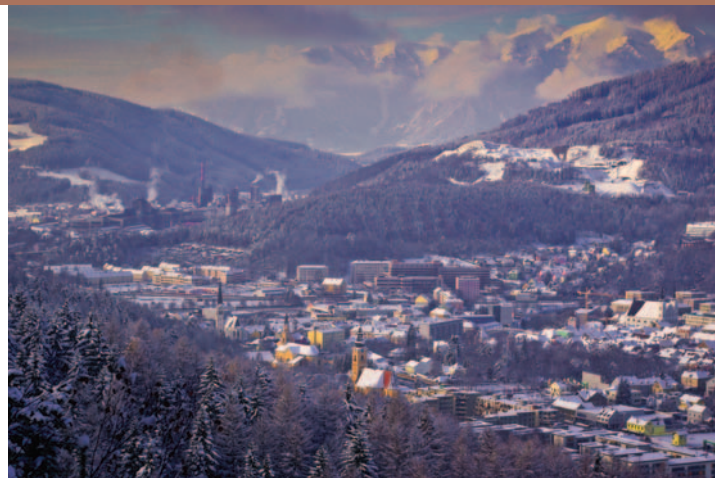
### THANK YOU JORDI!

We close our Society news with a sincere expression of gratitude to Jordi Delgado (Civil Engineering School, A Coruña University), who recently completed his service to the SEM as *Elements* news editor. His dedication and expertise are greatly appreciated.



## International Association of Geoanalysts

<http://geoanalyst.org>



Winter view of the Austrian Alps of Styria and the city of Leoben, showing the 16<sup>th</sup> century city centre (foreground and right), the modern city centre (middle) and traditional mining and industrial activities, which made this one of the wealthiest areas in central Europe during the Middle Ages

### ANNOUNCEMENT! LOCATION OF GEOANALYSIS 2015

At its latest meeting in London, the IAG's Governing Council unanimously supported the bid from the Montanuniversität Leoben, Austria, to host the Geoanalysis 2015 conference, which will be the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting in the Geoanalysis conference series. Leoben was recognized as an excellent venue for Geoanalysis 2015, due to its long mining tradition and to the excellent infrastructure available through the university, with its century-long focus on mining and environmental engineering. The selection of Leoben will bring Geoanalysis back to one of the IAG's core regions, after being held in Beijing, China (2006), Drakensberg, South Africa (2009) and Búzios, Brazil (2012). The 2015 event will be the fourth time that the triennial conference has been held in Europe. Located 175 km southwest of Vienna, in the high mountains of the Austrian state of Styria, Leoben is easily reached by train, requiring only two hours travel from Vienna International Airport and one hour from Graz International Airport. The chairperson of the 2015 Organizing Committee will be Prof. Thomas Meisel of the General and Analytical Chemistry Department of the Montanuniversität. Preliminary information about 2015 has already been posted at [www.geoanalyst.org/geoanalyst\\_conference.html](http://www.geoanalyst.org/geoanalyst_conference.html).

### GEOANALYSIS 2012

The Geoanalysis 2012 conference website [www.ige.unicamp.br/geoanalysis2012/](http://www.ige.unicamp.br/geoanalysis2012/) is being continually updated... check it out!

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