



Meteoritical Society

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2012 ANNUAL MEETING

The 75th annual meeting of the Meteoritical Society will be held in Cairns, in the far north of Queensland, Australia, at the Cairns Convention Centre in 2012. The organizers invite you to attend the meeting and visit our city. Cairns, located close to the Great Barrier Reef and tropical rainforests, will make a spectacular location for our conference. The meeting will be held on August 12–17, which is in the dry season of the tropics.

We expect to have a wide variety of interesting scientific sessions, and we are also looking at running a field trip to notable craters in Australia. We are still in the planning stages, so please let us know if you are interested in participating. Full details as given in the first announcement are available on the LPI website, www.lpi.usra.edu, and more information is available on the local website, <http://shrimp.anu.edu.au/metsoc2012>. For information not available on the websites, please contact organizer Trevor Ireland at Trevor.Ireland@anu.edu.au.

We look forward to seeing you in Cairns in 2012.



STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

Over 40 students attending the annual meeting of the society in Greenwich, UK, in August received travel grants. We are most grateful to the many organizations and society members who contributed generously to the travel grant fund, especially the Barringer Crater Company, NASA (Cosmochemistry Program), the European Space Agency, the Meteoritical Society Endowment Fund, Dr. Lucy McFadden, and an anonymous donor. The awardees are listed below, together with the funding organization.

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INTERNATIONAL METEORITE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION – BRIAN MASON TRAVEL AWARD

Florian J. Zurfluh, INSTITUT FÜR GEOLOGIE, UNIVERSITY OF BERN

Brian Mason Award

In 1997, Joel Schiff, the first editor of *Meteorite* magazine, created a travel award in honor of Brian Mason. The award is given to a student attending the annual meeting of the society who submits an abstract that presents clearly explained, exciting results of particular interest to readers of *Meteorite* magazine. The recipient is required to write a popular account of his or her work for the magazine. Since 2008, the award has been generously funded by the International Meteorite Collectors Association.



This year the program committee for the Greenwich meeting selected **Florian J. Zurfluh** as the winner of the Brian Mason Award. Florian is a student at the University of Bern in Switzerland. He submitted an abstract entitled "New insight into the strontium contamination of meteorites," authored by F. J. Zurfluh, B. A.

Hofmann, E. Gnos, U. Eggenberger, I. M. Villa, N. D. Greber, and A. J. T. Jull. This paper focuses on understanding the strontium uptake of meteorites found in hot deserts (Oman).

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Please consider nominating a colleague for one of the society's awards. Nominations should be sent to Secretary Greg Herzog (herzog@rutchem.rutgers.edu) by January 15 (January 31 for the Pellas–Ryder Award). For more information and details on how to submit a nomination for any of these awards, please see the latest Newsletter on the society website or e-mail the secretary.

The society presents a number of awards each year. The **Leonard Medal** honors outstanding contributions to the science of meteoritics and closely allied fields. The **Barringer Medal and Award** recognize outstanding work in the field of impact cratering and/or work that has led to a better understanding of impact phenomena. The **Nier Prize** recognizes outstanding research in meteoritics and closely allied fields by young scientists (under 35). The **Service Award** honors members who have advanced the goals of the Meteoritical Society to promote research and education in meteoritics and planetary science, in ways other than by conducting scientific research. The **Paul Pellas–Graham Ryder Award** is given for the best student paper in planetary science and is awarded jointly by the Meteoritical Society and the Planetary Geology Division of the Geological Society of America.