MINERALOGY AND MUSEUMS 7, DRESDEN, GERMANY, 2012

Dear colleagues,

It is a great pleasure for the Organizing Committee of M&M 7 to invite you to the upcoming 7th International Conference on Mineralogy and Museums, which will be held in Dresden on August 27–29, 2012. During the conference, Freiberg and its new mineral exhibit at Schloss Freudenstein will be visited. Pre- and postconference trips are planned, with visits to several German museums and some stops in the field. Germany offers high-quality mineralogical museums with long and interesting historical backgrounds, as well as world-class mineral localities (for example Harz, Erzgebirge, Siergland, and Schwarzwald).

We kindly request you to submit the preregistration form. This and the first circular can be found at www.mm7-dresden-2012.de. Details on the conference will be continually updated on this website.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Dresden!

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, and with kind regards,

Renate Schumacher
Mineral Museum of Bonn, German representative, IMA Commission on Museums

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2012 DMG AWARDS

The Abraham-Gottlob-Werner Medal is the highest honor given by the German Mineralogical Society (DMG). It is awarded in recognition of outstanding mineralogical research (in Silver) or merit with regard to the promotion of the mineralogical sciences (in Gold). The Georg-Agricola Medal in Bronze recognizes outstanding achievements in the field of technical and applied mineralogy. The Victor-Moritz-Goldschmidt Award is given to honor outstanding young researchers. The candidates should normally be members of the DMG and younger than 39 years of age.

Nominations for the DMG awards should include the curriculum vitae and publication list of the candidate, as well as a cover letter outlining the candidate’s qualifications. Further information on the nomination requirements are on the DMG home page: www.dmg-home.de. Please submit your nominations by February 17, 2012 to Rainer Altherr, Institute of Geosciences, University of Heidelberg, Im Neuenheimer Feld 234-236, D-69120 Heidelberg, Germany; e-mail: Rainer.Altherr@geow.uni-heidelberg.de.

Applications for the DMG awards are open up to February 17, 2012.

DMG POSTGRADUATE SHORT COURSES IN 2012

Applications of Solid-State NMR Spectroscopy in Mineral and Geological Sciences
DATE: 29 May–1 June 2012
WHERE: Institute of Geology, Mineralogy and Geophysics, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Bochum, Germany
INFORMATION: Michael Fechtelkord (Michael.Fechtelkord@ruhr-uni-bochum.de)

Application of Diffusion Studies to the Determination of Timescales in Geochemistry and Petrology
DATE: October 2012
WHERE: Institute of Geology, Mineralogy and Geophysics, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Bochum, Germany
INFORMATION: Sumit Chakraborty (Sumit.Chakraborty@rub.de), Ralf. Dohmen, Thomas Müller

Calorimetry in the Geosciences – Theory, Experiment and Applications
DATE: to be announced
WHERE: Universität Jena or Salzburg
INFORMATION: Klaus-Dieter Grevel (klaus-dieter.grevel@rub.de)

Diffusion in Geological Materials
DATE: 3–7 September 2012
WHERE: Department of Lithospheric Research, University of Vienna, Austria
INFORMATION: Rainer Abart (rainer.abart@univie.ac.at)

High-Pressure Experimental Techniques and Applications to the Earth’s Interior
DATE: 13–17 February 2012
WHERE: Bayerisches Geoinstitut, Universität Bayreuth, Germany
INFORMATION: Stefan Keyssner (stefan.keyssner@uni-bayreuth.de)

Neutron Diffraction for Mineralogists
DATE: Autumn/winter 2012

WHERE: Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin für Materialien und Energie, Abteilung Kristallographie, Germany
INFORMATION: Susan Schorr (susan.schorr@helmholtz-berlin.de)

Texture Analysis with MTEX
DATE: to be announced
WHERE: Geoscience Mathematics and Informatics, TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany
INFORMATION: Helmut Schabem (schabem@tu-freiberg.de)