**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2013 DMG AWARDS**

The Abraham-Gottlob-Werner Medal is the highest honor of the German Mineralogical Society (DMG). It is given for outstanding mineralogical research (in Silver) or for the meritorious 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 be 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 8 March 2013 to Astrid Holzheid, University of Kiel, Institute of Geosciences, D-24098 Kiel, Germany; e-mail: holzheid@min.uni-kiel.de.

**DMG POSTGRADUATE SHORT COURSES IN 2013**

**APPLICATIONS OF SOLID STATE NMR SPECTROSCOPY IN MINERAL AND GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES**
- Dates: 21–24 May 2013
- Venue: Institute of Geology, Mineralogy, and Geophysics, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany
- Cost: No course fees
- Information: Michael Fechtelkord, Michael.Fechtelkord@ruhr-uni-bochum.de

**CALORIMETRY IN THE GEOSCIENCES – THEORY, EXPERIMENT, AND APPLICATIONS**
- Dates: February 2013
- Venue: Universität Jena, Germany, or Salzburg, Austria
- Cost: 50 €
- Information: Klaus-Dieter Grevel, klaus-dieter.grevel@rub.de

**FROM ATOMISTIC CALCULATIONS TO THERMODYNAMIC MODELING**
- Dates: 18–22 February 2013
- Venue: Institute for Geosciences, University of Frankfurt, Germany
- Cost: 50 €
- Information: Prof. Dr. Björn Winkler; Dr. Victor Vinograd, v.vinograd@fz-juelich.de

**HIGH-PRESSURE EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES AND APPLICATIONS TO THE EARTH’S INTERIOR**
- Dates: 11–15 February 2013
- Venue: Bayerisches Geoinstitut, Universität Bayreuth, Germany
- Cost: 70 €
- Information: Stefan Keyssner, stefan.keyssner@uni-bayreuth.de

**LUMINESCENCE SPECTROSCOPY AND IMAGING IN THE EARTH SCIENCES**
- Dates: 1–3 July 2013; preconference short course of the CORALS-2013 conference
- Venue: Institute of Mineralogy, University of Wien, Austria
- Cost: 90 €, students 60 €
- Information: Prof. Lutz Nasdala, lutz.nasdala@univie.ac.at

**SIMS SHORT COURSE**
- Dates: 21–30 October 2013
- Venue: Helmholtz-Zentrum Potsdam, Germany
- Cost: No course fees
- Information: Dr. Michael Wiedenbeck, Michael.Wiedenbeck.gfz-potsdam.de

**TEXTURE ANALYSIS WITH MTEx EMPHASIZING EBSD DATA ANALYSIS**
- Dates: March or April 2013
- Venue: TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany
- Cost: 70 €
- Information: Prof. Dr. Helmut Schaeben, schaeben@tu-freiberg.de

**DMG ANNUAL MEETING 2012**

The DMG’s annual scientific meeting took place this year in Frankfurt am Main as part of the first European Mineralogical Conference, EMC2012. It was a joint venture by ten European mineralogical societies (see the Meeting Report on page 474). Being fortunate in having fine weather in early September, the conference offered an excellent opportunity for social activities like the icebreaker party and provided an adequate conference venue at the Goethe University of Frankfurt. The high number of students, one-third of the 820 participants, made it a thrilling event both for younger and “more settled” scientists.

Several of the participating societies, among them the DMG, held their annual meetings and their award ceremonies in a combined event at EMC2012. The DMG awarded the Abraham-Gottlob-Werner Medal to Bernie Wood for his achievements in the fields of experimental and theoretical petrology. This award is granted in silver for excellence in research and is the highest scientific award of the DMG.

The Ramdohr Prize is an award given to young scientists for an outstanding oral contribution at the conference. The 2012 Ramdohr Prize was awarded to Dennis Harries, from Jena, in recognition of his presentation “Pyrrohite oxidative dissolution: Crystallographic and microstructural controls observed by FIB-TEM and 3D topometry.”