



European Association of Geochemistry

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Parting Words



Bernard Bourdon

At the end of December 2012, my term of office ends and Chris Ballentine will take over as president of the European Association of Geochemistry. Over the past two years, the activities of the EAG have grown to make our Society more prominent on the European and international geochemistry scene. I would like to acknowledge Past Presidents Eric Oelkers and Alex Halliday for having given so much impetus to these changes. The last few Goldschmidt conferences in Europe have had great success in terms of attendance and quality of science, thanks to the organization put in place by Alex. The launch by Eric and his team of *Geochemical Perspectives*, a new publication in geochemistry that is bound to gain the respect of our community, came as a result of our reflection about the evolution of scientific publishing. Scientific publishing cannot solely rely on companies that are more interested in financial outcomes than advancing knowledge. The EAG also started bridging with scientific communities in Eastern Europe with its 2012 Distinguished Lecture tour. Tim Elliott spoke in Poland, Bulgaria, and Romania on various topics of solid-Earth geochemistry and cosmochemistry. A similar initiative is being launched in Africa, with the collaboration of the Geochemical Society.

The EAG has more members than ever, and many of them are seriously committed to the growth of our Society. In parallel, the EAG has carefully reached a more viable financial model for its operation, but it is still too early to consider additional initiatives. To make our new activities viable in the long term, we are constantly searching for new people to put energy and ideas into our organization. I invite all people interested to contact us if they would like to help.

In closing, I would like to thank all EAG Council members for their constant help, and above all Marie-Aude Hulshoff, the EAG business manager, without whom this organization could not run.

Bernard Bourdon
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WHY JOIN THE EAG?

The EAG has developed a comprehensive membership-benefits package, which offers you:

- **Reduced registration fees at the annual Goldschmidt Conference**, the primary meeting worldwide for the presentation and exchange of scientific ideas in geochemistry
- A subscription to ***Geochemical Perspectives*** (print and online), a new EAG journal, published quarterly. Each issue presents a single article, providing an in-depth view on the past, present, and future of a field of geochemistry, seen through the eyes of highly respected scientists.
- A subscription to ***Elements*** (print and online). Members have access to all back issues online.

- Reduced subscription rates to ***Chemical Geology***, the official journal of the EAG, which publishes research papers on the isotopic and elemental geochemistry and geochronology of the Earth
- Reduced subscription rates to ***Geofluids***, a journal publishing research on the role of fluids in the mineralogical, chemical, and structural evolution of the Earth's crust
- Sponsorship of short courses. The EAG sponsors short courses for up to 5000 euros for EAG members participating in or presenting at the short course.
- A network platform for geochemists worldwide. The EAG aims to connect members of the geochemical community, especially through the EAG Blog, monthly newsletters, job postings, and other social media.

EAG MEMBERSHIP RATES

Student 1 year	15 euros
Student 3 years	35 euros
Professional 1 year	25 euros
Professional 5 years	100 euros



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