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COMPOSITION OF IAG'S NEW GOVERNING COUNCIL

Every three years the membership of the IAG's Governing Council is renewed; this is the group of people that will provide leadership for our Association over the next triennial cycle. The officers and regular members of Council for the period 2012 to 2015 are:

- Thomas Meisel (president)
- Matt Horstwood (vice president)
- Jenny Cook (hon. secretary)
- Christopher Jackson (hon. treasurer)
- Michael Wiedenbeck (immediate past president)
- Doug Miles (IAGeo Limited company secretary)

Regular Council members: Mathieu Benoit, Jérôme Chmelleff, Jacinta Enzweiler, Klaus Peter Jochum, Cornelia Kriete, Phil Potts, Peter Webb, Edward Williams, Stephen Wilson

IAG's Council typically meets at six-month intervals. The first meeting of the new group was held on Friday, 16 November 2012, at the CRPG laboratory in Nancy, France.



Some of the members who attended the first meeting of the newly seated Council in November 2012, at the CRPG, Nancy, France

CONFERENCE ON MINERAL RESOURCES AND REFERENCE MATERIALS

The Central Geological Laboratory (CGL) of Mongolia has been closely affiliated with the IAG since 2008, with a focus on collaborative efforts to develop and certify the highest-quality geochemical reference materials (RMs). On 27–28 November 2012, the CGL hosted the 2nd International Conference on Mineral Resources – Reference Material in Ulaanbaatar. This event was attended by over 100 delegates, including scientists, metrologists, and reference material providers from seven nations. The major themes of the two-day event included recent innovations in the production of geochemical RMs, trends in industrial demand for new RMs, and proper strategies for using RMs as a tool for worldwide



Group photograph taken during the "Mineral Resources – Reference Material" conference held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

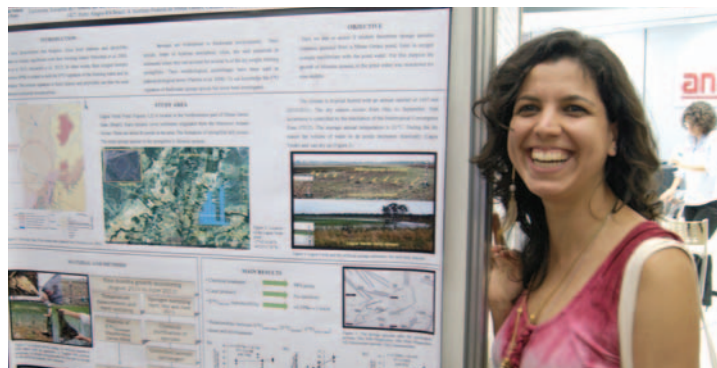
quality assurance. Much work has been invested in establishing Mongolia as a world leader in the production of geochemical RMs, a logical direction in view of the great economic importance the mining industry has for this nation. A highlight of the conference was the formal handing over of the ISO Guide 34 Certificate of Accreditation, thereby confirming the CGL's high level of competence in the production of geochemical reference materials.

BORON ISOTOPE MEETING

An IAG-supported workshop devoted to advancing analytical methodologies and improving data intercomparability within the boron isotope system will be held on 24–25 August 2013. The venue is the Institute for Geosciences and Earth Resources–CNR in Pisa, Italy. The meeting will be held immediately prior to the 2013 Goldschmidt Conference in Florence. Trains require less than an hour to travel between the two cities. Further information about the boron isotope workshop can be found on the Goldschmidt 2013 website.

EARLY CAREER SCIENTIST AWARD

Again in 2012, the IAG sponsored an Early Career Scientist Award, recognizing an outstanding contribution by a young scientist at the Geoanalysis meeting in Búzios, Brazil. We are very pleased to announce that the winner of this year's award is Marcela Camargo Matteuzzo from the Universidade Federal de Ouro Preto (Brazil)/Université Aix-Marseille III (France). She and her coworkers presented a poster entitled "Assessment of the Relationship between $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ Freshwater Sponge Spicules and $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ Pond Water for Paleoenvironmental Purpose: A Modern Case Study (Lagoa Verde-MG, Brazil)." The IAG congratulates Ms Matteuzzo for her excellent contribution to the field of geoanalysis.



Marcela Matteuzzo with her award-winning poster at the Geoanalysis 2012 meeting in Búzios, Brazil

GEOANALYSIS 2015

Geoanalysis 2015, the ninth gathering in this conference series, will be held in Leoben, Austria. The conference will be held on 8–14 August 2015. Preliminary information is available at www.geoanalysis.info.