



Meteoritical Society

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2013 INCOMING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Monica Grady

It is with great pleasure that I take over as president of the Meteoritical Society. Before saying any more, I should thank Professor Ed Scott from the University of Hawai'i for his presidency over the past two years. During this time, the Meteoritical Society has taken an active role in the production of *Elements*, to the great benefit of the Society.

I have been a member of the Meteoritical Society for more years than I care to remember, and I have served on Council, first as a councilor and then as secretary in the early 1990s. The first conference I attended was a Meteoritical Society meeting, and I was struck by the friendliness of the Society and how inclusive that initial meeting was. As a mere PhD student, I was impressed by how respectfully my contribution (on carbon in ordinary chondrites) was received. Over the years, the Society has got much bigger, but I think it still retains that feeling of inclusiveness. Certainly the very specialized study of meteorites brings people together, but we are now a very diverse community of people studying meteorites, as we relate them to their parent objects and put what we learn from meteorites in a much broader astronomical context. I look forward to my two years as president of the Society, and I especially look forward to meeting the many students who attend Society meetings.

This particular issue of *Elements* concerns 100 years of geochronology. Of course, chronological studies depend on meteorites as the baseline against which other planetary bodies are compared, and future generations of meteoritists will be making sure that in 100 years time we will still be celebrating what we learn about the planetary systems through the study of meteorites.

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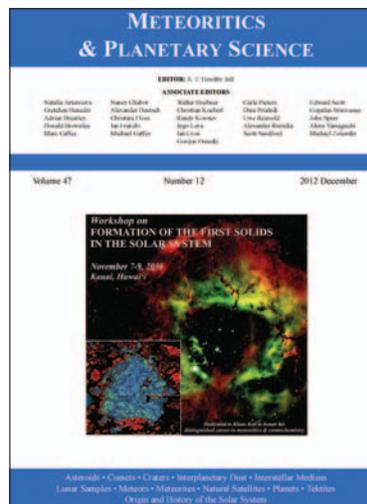


From left to right, Vice President Michael Zolensky, Secretary Greg Hergoz, Treasurer Rhian Jones, and Past President Ed Scott

Michael Zolensky, NASA Johnson Space Center, is the new incoming vice president of the Meteoritical Society. He joins President Monica Grady of the Open University, Secretary Greg Hergoz of Rutgers University, Treasurer Rhian Jones of the University of New Mexico, and Past President Ed Scott in leading the Meteoritical Society through the next two years.

The Meteoritical Society Council will consist of Nancy Chabot (Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, Laurel, Maryland, USA), Hasnaa Chennaoui (Hassan II University, Casablanca, Morocco), Luigi Folco (Museo Nazionale dell' Antartide, University of Siena, Italy), Jay Melosh (Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, USA), Larry Nittler (Carnegie Institution, Washington, DC, USA), Maria Schönbachler (ETH Zürich, Switzerland), Kevin Righter (NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas, USA), and Hisayoshi Yurimoto (Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan).

SPECIAL ISSUE OF METEORITICS & PLANETARY SCIENCES



Klaus Keil

The December issue of *Meteoritics & Planetary Science* contains 25 articles from the Workshop on the Formation of the First Solids in the Solar System, which took place on the island of Kaua'i, Hawai'i, in November 2011. The meeting and the issue honored **Klaus Keil** for his distinguished career in meteoritics and cosmochemistry. The papers deal with the origin of the oldest solids (refractory inclusions, chondrules, and melted planetesimals), theoretical studies of the earliest stages in the formation of the Solar System, the abundance of short-lived isotopes and implications for dating the earliest solids, and stable isotope anomalies and their relation to short-lived isotopes. The special issue of *MAPS* also contains an oral history recorded by Derek Sears with Klaus Keil, who celebrated his 78th birthday last November and who retired (at least formally) last July.

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE

- 2013: Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, July 29–August 2
- 2014: Casablanca, Morocco, September 7–14
- 2015: Berkeley, California, USA, July 27–31
- 2016: Berlin, Germany, August 7–12

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Correction: The Meteoritical Society News in the December 2012 issue of *Elements* incorrectly listed the home institution of Nier Prize winner Frederic Moynier as the University of Chicago. Frederic is actually at Washington University in St. Louis. Our apologies to Frederic!