



# Association of Applied Geochemists

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



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The Association of Applied Geochemists (AAG) has a newly revamped website, [www.appliedgeochemists.org](http://www.appliedgeochemists.org), constructed by our new webmaster, Gemma Bonham-Carter. The website is one of the principal means of communication for AAG members, and it also offers interesting content for non-members. Freely available for download are all archived issues of *EXPLORE*, the quarterly newsletter of the AAG, from 1971 to the present. The Publications web page provides links for obtaining and publishing in *EXPLORE* and in AAG's journal, *Geochemistry: Exploration, Environment, Analysis*, as well as links to *Elements* and older AAG publications. The AAG website provides a quarterly updated listing of upcoming geochemistry-related meetings. Additions to this listing can be sent directly to our compiler, Stephen Amor ([stephenamor@gov.nl.ca](mailto:stephenamor@gov.nl.ca)). Also available are reports by AAG regional councillors on activities in Africa, Brazil, Chile, China, Northern Europe, Southern Europe, Southeast Asia, and the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. These reports are updated approximately every two to three years. The itinerary for AAG's Distinguished Lecturer for 2013–2014, Ravi Anand of CSIRO, is available on the website, as well as a listing of past Distinguished Lecturers since 2002. What's News is a relatively new, informal web page where AAG members can provide photographs and captions describing field and other work-related activities from around the world. The Students page provides links to the various funding opportunities that are available through AAG to undergraduate and graduate students of applied geochemistry, and also gives a link to details on AAG's Student Paper Prize competition. The Memorials web page has obituaries and photographs of deceased leaders in applied geochemistry. The AAG website provides links to various useful websites, including a site with the periodic table of the elements and sites for government geoscience institutions, various professional societies and associations, universities that teach applied geochemistry, and miscellaneous topics related to geochemistry and Earth science. Finally, the website contains instructions and forms for becoming an AAG member, converting to Fellow status, renewing membership, and donating to AAG's Distinguished Applied Geochemists and Developing Country Membership funds. The Distinguished Applied Geochemists Fund provides travel money for students to attend AAG-sponsored meetings, such as the upcoming 26<sup>th</sup> IAGS in Rotorua, New Zealand (see companion article on this page), while the Developing Country Membership Fund provides subsidized membership funding for AAG members from developing countries. The AAG website is ever-evolving and is worth a visit!

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The Rotorua Convention Centre, where the 26<sup>th</sup> IAGS will be held

## IAGS 2013

AAG's 26<sup>th</sup> biennial International Applied Geochemistry Symposium (IAGS) will be held in Rotorua, New Zealand, on 18–21 November 2013 ([www.gns.cri.nz/iags](http://www.gns.cri.nz/iags)) and will incorporate the annual New Zealand Geothermal Workshop. The meeting will focus on applied geochemistry, new ways of analysis, interpretation of data, and geochemistry applied to environmentally sustainable mineral and geothermal exploration and development. Special sessions will be held on geothermal geochemistry and on the exploration and environmental geochemistry of sea-floor hydrothermal systems and black smokers. The technical programme will run over four days and include oral presentations in plenary and concurrent sessions, as well as poster sessions. The deadline for abstract submission for oral and poster presentation slots is **31 May 2013**.

Pre-symposium workshops and short courses are on the following topics: epithermal deposits, orogenic gold deposits, sea-floor massive sulfide deposits, geothermal geochemistry, environmental geochemistry in resource development, the application of indicator methods to mineral exploration, quality assurance in geochemical analysis, and student publishing. The following pre- and post-symposium field trips will be offered: North Island epithermal gold deposits and geothermal systems, South Island orogenic gold deposits, the environmental geochemistry of mines, the environmental geochemistry of Rotorua lakes, geothermal development in the Taupo Volcanic Zone, limestone caves, Rotorua volcanology, the active andesite volcano of White Island, a Rocklabs factory tour, and the wine terroir of the Hawkes Bay region, New Zealand's premier red wine region.



Rotorua, an iconic tourist destination, will host the 26<sup>th</sup> IAGS

The city of Rotorua ([www.rotoruanz.com](http://www.rotoruanz.com)) is an iconic tourism destination because of its volcanic and geothermal attractions, its spas and its status as the heartland of Maori culture. Rotorua is often referred to as the "Lake District" because of the large number of fishable lakes within its boundaries. It was historically New Zealand's first tourism destination and now attracts 2.9 million domestic and international visitors annually. A daily programme of tours for accompanying persons will take advantage of the many local tourist attractions.

The social program will include functions every evening of the symposium, including a welcoming (icebreaker) event and a "students meet the industry" function, which are included in the registration package, plus some optional events, including the official symposium dinner, a Maori cultural evening, the Hydrothermal Fluid Society wine-tasting evening, and the Farewell dinner. The second circular and additional information are available on the website [www.gns.cri.nz/iags](http://www.gns.cri.nz/iags). I look forward to seeing you in Rotorua.

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