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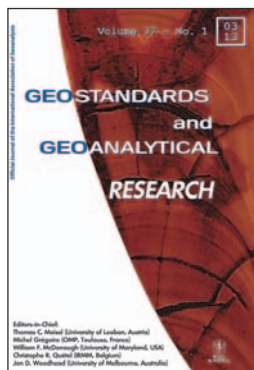
## TWO NEW INITIATIVES FROM GEOSTANDARDS AND GEOANALYTICAL RESEARCH

There are two new initiatives to report from our society's journal, *Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research*. Over the past decade *GGR* has been publishing a biennial review series that highlights technological advances in the characterization of geomaterials. Appearing in the final issue of even-numbered years, this collection of manuscripts has provided an overview of the contemporary trends in instrumentation and innovative analytical strategies as reported by leading experts representing a wide variety of laboratory techniques. Download metrics from past years have confirmed that such single-topic review articles are widely read by the geoanalytical community, rapidly disseminating recent developments in, for example, isotope ratio mass spectrometry.



The latest *GGR* biennial critical review appeared in the final issue of 2012, and it contains a number of significant changes from the contributions of earlier years. In 2012 the review was no longer presented as a collection of single-topic papers; rather it became a 61-page compendium addressing a wide range of analytical methods. For example, for the first time, chapters devoted to thermal ionization mass spectrometry, accelerator-based methods and vibrational spectroscopy have been included. Also important, the journal's publisher is providing all geoanalysts with online access to this manuscript without charge through the Wiley Online Library. To find the critical review, search for "Geostandards and Geoanalytical Research" using your favourite search engine. Early metrics from the website report that this article has been downloaded over 400 times during the first two months since its online release at the beginning of this year.

Also new for *GGR* is the publication of "cutting-edge reviews," the first of which is to appear in the June 2013 issue of the journal. This first contribution to the cutting-edge series is devoted to the technical aspects of nanoSIMS and its applications in cosmochemistry and biological geochemistry. This series will address current "hot topics" in analytical geochemistry and will be edited by IAG Council member Klaus Peter Jochum of the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry in Mainz, Germany. Dr. Jochum has already arranged two further cutting-edge review articles that will give



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## 91500 ZIRCON MARKETING INITIATIVE

Since November 2012 the IAG has been cooperating with the Harvard Mineralogical Museum to increase the distribution of the 91500 zircon Reference Material. This material is arguably the best single crystal that has been characterized for its U–Th–Pb, Hf-isotope and  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  compositions. The uptake of this material by the geoanalytical community has greatly exceeded expectations, such that purchases have been limited to a single aliquot per year for any given institution. This strategy, despite receiving requests for as many as 10 aliquots, should assure the availability of this material for the next several years. People wishing to purchase a ~100 mg aliquot of 91500 zircon should contact IAGeo, the trading arm of the International Association of Geoanalysts ([www.IAGeo.com](http://www.IAGeo.com); e-mail: [iageo.ltd@ntlworld.com](mailto:iageo.ltd@ntlworld.com)).

### 91500 Zircon Reference Material



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## WEBSITE FOR GEOANALYSIS 2015

The new web domain [www.geoanalysis.info](http://www.geoanalysis.info) has gone live, providing detailed information about the upcoming Geoanalysis meeting to be held in Leoben, Austria. Further content will be added over the coming months.

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