



2014 BOARD ELECTIONS

Four Board positions will be voted on this fall*: vice president, secretary, and two director positions. During the coming months, the Nominations Committee will be seeking and vetting potential candidates. If you are interested in serving the Society in one of these roles, please indicate your interest to the Nominations Committee chair, Karen Hudson-Edwards (k.hudson-edwards@bbk.ac.uk), by July 31. The 2013 Nominations Committee is composed of Karen Hudson-Edwards, chair (University of London, UK), Takeshi Kakegawa (Tohoku University, Japan), Simon Wilde (Curtin University, Australia), Bernhard Peucker-Ehrenbrink (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA), Adina Paytan (University of California–Santa Cruz, USA), and Tracy Rushmer (Macquarie University, Australia).

*In the previous issue we announced five positions. Samuel Savin has agreed to renew his term as treasurer.

2014 AWARD NOMINATIONS

	The V. M. Goldschmidt Award is given for major achievements in geochemistry or cosmochemistry.
	The F. W. Clarke Award is presented to an early-career scientist for a single outstanding contribution to geochemistry or cosmochemistry.
	The C. C. Patterson Award is granted for a recent innovative breakthrough in environmental geochemistry.
	The Alfred Treibs Award is given for major achievements in organic geochemistry.
	The GS/EAG Geochemical Fellows Award is bestowed upon outstanding scientists who have made a major contribution to geochemistry.
Make a nomination at www.geochemsoc.org/awards/makeanomination.htm	
Nomination Deadline: October 15, 2013	

Why Nominate?

Geochemists want and need recognition for their work. Awards help to inspire individuals to do their best. Awards set the bar for others to match or exceed. Your participation in the awards program by being a nominator or writing a supporting letter of recommendation not only benefits the nominee, it benefits the geochemical community. Please take the time to highlight the accomplishments of your valued colleagues by nominating them. With your help, we can ensure that the award committees have a diverse and deserving pool of candidates.

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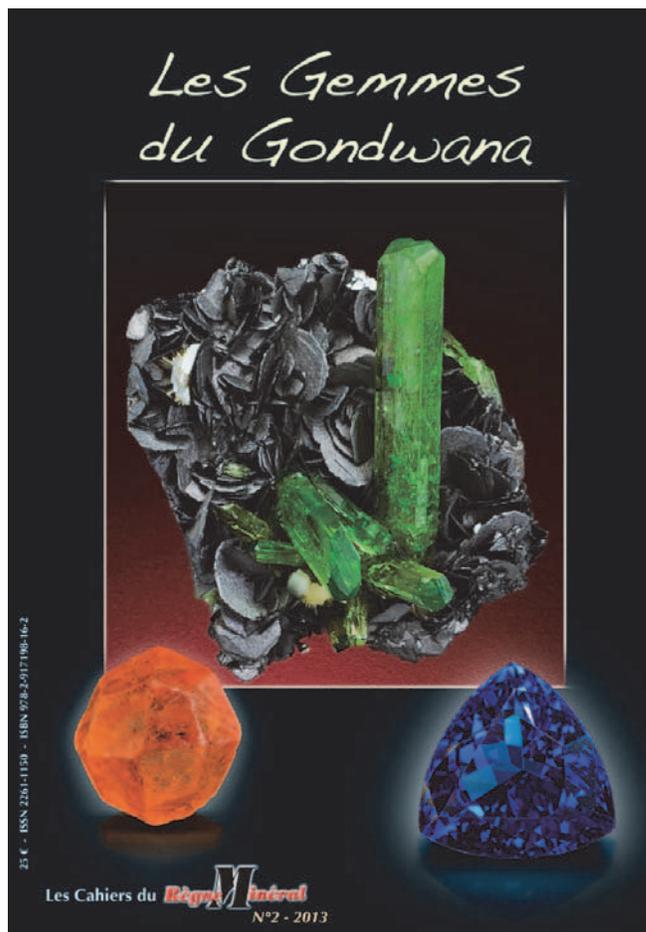
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LES GEMMES DU GONDWANA

In January 2013, the journal *Règne Minéral* published a special issue (in French) devoted to the gems of Gondwana. The authors of the eleven chapters belong to various public research institutions, universities, and private companies in France, Kenya, Madagascar, Pakistan, Tanzania, Thailand, and the UK. The articles report on various aspects of gems in the East African Neoproterozoic (540–1000 Ma) Mozambican belt of the Gondwana supercontinent, from India to Antarctica through East Africa and Madagascar.

The chapters present the geodynamic context, geological setting, history of discovery, economic development, and societal consequences of the mining and exploitation of the gems. They are illustrated with accurate geological maps and cross sections, as well as beautiful photographs of mineral samples, gems and jewellery. Even more, this special issue provides new geological interpretative models for gem formation based on recent studies published in international scientific journals. Particular attention has been paid to tsavorite, a green (V, Cr, Mn)-bearing grossular; tanzanite, a blue V-bearing zoisite; and corundum (ruby).

This special issue is an interesting collaborative contribution from geologists, geochemists, mineral lovers, enlightened amateurs, and art photographers. The result is a beautiful book, which will guide you on a fascinating gemological journey.



The *Les Gemmes du Gondwana* special issue may be ordered on the *Règne Minéral* website: www.minerauxetfossiles.com/index.php?page=046.