



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Geochemical Cooperation

This issue of *Elements* arrives near the time of the Goldschmidt Conference. For the Florence conference, the European Association of Geochemistry (EAG) marshaled a large number of people who spent countless hours developing a scientific program that will have attracted about 4000 attendees and organized the program so that participants could see all they wanted under the most pleasant conditions possible. Our thanks go out to the many volunteers who contributed to make the meeting a success. Next year, the Geochemical Society (GS) will return the favor, inviting all geochemists to attend the California Goldschmidt Conference from June 8 to 13. Along with the major effort and attention to detail provided by Cambridge Publications, the professional meeting organizer for Goldschmidt Conferences, making the Goldschmidt Conference a reality involves a very large amount of mostly volunteer labor. Volunteers and cooperation between professional societies is critical to a number of activities undertaken by the GS to help unite the geochemistry community and promote the field of geochemistry. *Elements* involves 17 participating societies (each with a member on the Executive Committee), 4 editors, and an advisory board of 20 members. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* relies on 92 volunteer associate editors and advice from the 6-member Joint Publications Committee appointed by the Geochemical Society and the Meteoritical Society, in addition to the dedicated services of Executive Editor Marc Norman and the publisher, Elsevier.

I could go on, but the point I'm trying to make is that support of the field of geochemistry involves a good deal of cooperation. Building working, cooperative agreements is a delicate process, whose goal is to expand the benefits to each cooperating society without imposing restrictions on its ability to follow new pursuits. The GS partners with EAG through the Goldschmidt Forum to oversee Goldschmidt Conference management, the Meteoritical Society through the Joint Publications Committee to assist with *GCA*, and the Mineralogical Society of America (MSA) to decide on topics for the Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry book series published by MSA. The GS is working to build more such cooperative efforts, for example, with the Geochemical Society of Japan, who will help host the 2016 Goldschmidt Conference in Yokohama. The GS also is seeking to strengthen and extend its long-running relationship with the American Geophysical Union (AGU) to provide member benefits, such as an enhanced geochemical presence at the AGU Fall meeting and particularly the Meeting of the Americas, the latter to better engage our South American colleagues. You may have noticed that links to new papers appearing in the AGU journal *G-cubed* are now listed in the GS's weekly newsletter, *Geochemical News*.

Seeking and expanding such collaborative efforts is an important and ongoing task for the GS. Through these collaborations, we hope to be able to provide to the GS membership access to, and knowledge of, the geochemically relevant activities of other professional geoscience organizations and thereby expand the influence, impact, and interest in geochemistry in the broad international geoscience and planetary science community.

Richard Carlson, GS President

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

What we do at GS day after day to deliver on our mission to impact the direction of geochemistry at a global level is only possible through the Herculean efforts of our volunteers. Thank you! The following volunteers completed terms at the end of June 2013; an asterisk denotes committee chair. Visit www.geochemsoc.org/society/committeesand-personnel/ for full committee rosters.

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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 and exceed. Your participation in the awards program by being a nominator or writing a supporting letter of recommendation benefits not only the nominee but also 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.

Make a nomination at

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Dates

Abstract Submission & Registration begins	1 January 2014
Abstract Deadline	1 February 2014
End of Early Registration	1 April 2014
Pre-registration Closes	1 May 2014
Goldschmidt2014	8-14 June 2014



I warmly invite you and other geoscientists from around the world to attend the 24th V. M. Goldschmidt Conference, to be held June 8-14, 2014 in Sacramento, California. Sacramento is the Capital of the "Golden State" of California, so named both for the weather and for the gold deposits discovered in the mid-nineteenth century only 75 km from Sacramento. Nestled at the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers, the city is a gateway to many of California's natural wonders including majestic Yosemite National Park in the Sierra Nevada Batholith. The abundance of diverse geological features nearby, from ophiolites to batholiths to arc volcanoes to the classic Franciscan subduction complex, as well as mining activity and its environmental legacies, presents outstanding opportunities for field trips which will be a hallmark of the conference. Also nearby are the renowned Napa Valley, Sonoma Valley and Sierra Foothills wine regions and myriad other opportunities for cultural excursions. This venue offers excellent options for combining a high-level conference with a family vacation.

As the capital of a state with the world's ninth largest economy and significant production of agricultural and natural resources, Sacramento is a nexus of activity in these areas. The venue is thus uniquely opportune for topics such as energy, resources and environment wherein policy needs to be informed by science. As at previous Goldschmidt conferences, societally relevant topics such as these will be combined with the latest developments in all areas of geochemistry, cosmochemistry, and related fields. A Science Program comprising 25 themes has been developed by the International Program Committee, and can be viewed on the conference website goldschmidt.info/2014. A call for additional session suggestions is planned to be open on this website between September 15 and October 31, 2013. Please make sure to submit your abstract by February 1 and plan to join us in California next summer.

I look forward to welcoming you to Goldschmidt 2014!
Paul Renne, President, Local Organizing Committee,
24th V. M. Goldschmidt Conference