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2013 METEORITICAL SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT



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The Society's finances continue to be on a sound footing, and both the Operating Fund and our Endowments are currently very healthy. A large portion of the operating budget relates to publication of *Meteoritics and Planetary Science (MAPS)*, our international monthly journal of planetary science, which covers topics including the origin and history of the Solar System, planets and natural satellites, interplanetary dust and the interstellar medium, lunar samples, meteors, meteorites, asteroids, comets, craters, and tektites. *MAPS* has been

published by Wiley since 2010, and our income from Wiley closely matches the expenses of the editorial office at the University of Arizona, which is managed by Editor Tim Jull.

Society membership includes subscriptions to *MAPS* and *Elements*. Membership with subscription to only the electronic version of *MAPS* has become a popular option, although about 60% of our membership still purchases the printed version. Collection of dues for 2014 will begin in October 2013. I encourage members to pay their dues in a timely manner, as this helps greatly with financial planning.

Our Investment Fund, which includes three separate endowed funds, continues to grow. Many Society members contribute generously to support these funds, and donations are always greatly appreciated. The Nier Fund supports the annual Nier Prize, which recognizes outstanding research by young scientists in meteoritics and closely allied fields. This year's recipient (2013) is Dr. Audrey Bouvier (University of Minnesota). The Gordon A. McKay Fund supports an award to the student who gives the best oral presentation at the annual meeting of the Society. Last year's award (2012) was given to Maartje Hamers (Universiteit Utrecht). The General Endowment Fund supports a variety of outreach projects. Over the last year, General Endowment funds were used to support students traveling to the Lunar Highlands Workshop (June 2012) and the Gordon Conference on the Origins of Solar Systems (June 2013). Endowment funds were also used to support the travel expenses of four professional members from low-income countries to participate in the Meteoritical Society meeting in Cairns in August 2012. This year we will support scientists from low-income countries traveling to the Meteoritical Society meeting in Edmonton. The money will come from two sources—the General Endowment and our initiative to raise money for this purpose directly through contributions made as part of annual membership renewal. Thirty-one members responded to this request this year. Your contributions provide direct support that helps to strengthen our international community. We always welcome suggestions and ideas for ways in which the General Endowment Fund can be utilized to promote the goals of the Society.

2013 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of May 2013, the Meteoritical Society is made up of 689 regular members, 105 student members, 155 retired members, 19 life members, and 4 members from developing countries, for a total of 972 members. Many thanks to Alex Ruzicka and J. Alex Speer for providing these statistics. We can be proud that we have members in 42 countries, but statistics show that we still have a lot to do to gain members in India, China, and many other countries. The Society does have a mechanism to subsidize annual dues for members in low-income countries—please see our website for more information.

Those wishing to avoid the hassle of paying dues every year might consider becoming a life member! For more information and details on how to become a member of the Meteoritical Society, please see our Society web page at www.meteoriticalsociety.org.

Country	Regular	Student	Life	Developing Country	Retired	Total
Argentina	2					2
Australia	17	11			4	32
Austria	6	2			2	10
Belgium	4				2	6
Brazil	2	2			2	6
Canada	29	7	1		8	45
Chile	2					2
China	3					3
Czech Republic	4				1	5
Denmark	3	3	1		2	9
Finland	1	1			1	3
France	35	4	1		5	45
Germany	78	6	3		12	99
Hungary	1	1				2
India	3				1	4
Italy	10	1			1	12
Japan	76	10			12	98
Korea, Republic of	2					2
Netherlands	3	1			1	5
Poland	4	2				6
Russian Federation	6	1			1	8
South Africa	2					2
Spain	2					2
Sweden	5	1				6
Switzerland	20	2			5	27
United Kingdom	35	11			4	50
United States	326	39	12		89	466
Totals	689	105	19	4	155	972

The following countries have one member at this time: Algeria, Botswana, Estonia, Holy See (Vatican City State), Ireland, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Morocco, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Romania, Slovakia, Taiwan, and Uruguay.

PAUL PELLAS–GRAHAM RYDER AWARD WINNER

The Pellas-Ryder Award for the best student paper in planetary sciences is jointly sponsored by the Meteoritical Society and the Planetary Geology Division of the Geological Society of America. It is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student who is first author of the best planetary science paper published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal during the year prior to the award. The award has been given since 2001 and honors the memories of meteoriticist Paul Pellas and lunar scientist Graham Ryder.



The winner of the 2013 Pellas-Ryder Award is **Christoph Burkhardt** of the Institute of Geochemistry and Petrology at ETH Zürich (now at the University of Chicago). Dr. Burkhardt's paper, "Origin of isotopic heterogeneity in the solar nebula by thermal processing and mixing of nebular dust," published in 2012 in *Earth and Planetary Science Letters*, presents Mo and W isotope compositions in acid leachates and insoluble residue from the Murchison carbonaceous chondrite. Christoph and coauthors T. Kleine,

N. Dauphas, and R. Wieler suggest that mixing or thermal processing in the solar nebula caused isotopic heterogeneity of Mo, while refractory elements such as Os and W were not affected and remain isotopically homogenous.