

DMG PETROLOGY SUBGROUP MEETING, 7–8 JUNE 2013, BONN, GERMANY



Student Best Poster Award: (from left) Jeanne Percival (AIPEA treasurer), Franz Ottner (in lieu of Aleksandra Deregowska, runner-up), Syafina Binti Mohol Ghazi (award winner), and Gabriella Fazio (runner-up)



The level of the competition was very high, testifying to the increased interest in the world of microminerals. The Clays & Arts Award (sponsored by the Organizing Committee) was given to **Ailton Luis da Silva de Souza** (Petroleo Brasileiro S.A., Brazil).

The Association also helped students to participate in the conference through the Student Travel Awards programme. The following students received support to attend the conference and present their work: Dayse Mirella Oliveira Timóteo (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Gabriel G. Machado Álvarez (Technical University of Crete, Greece, and Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil), and Valentin Robin (University of Poitiers, France).

The AIPEA General Assembly elected its 15th Council. AIPEA officers for 2013–2017 are: Dr Saverio Fiore (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Italy), president; Prof. Joseph Stucki (University of Illinois, USA), vice president; Prof. Christopher Breen (Sheffield Hallam University, UK), past president; Dr Daisy Barbosa Alves (Petrobras, Brazil), secretary general; and Dr Jeanne B. Percival (Geological Survey of Canada), treasurer. AIPEA councilors are Prof. Balwant Singh (The University of Sidney, Australia), Dr F. Javier Huertas (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Spain), Prof. Helge Stanjek (RWTH Aachen University, Germany), Dr Victoria Krupskaya (Russian Academy of Science, Russian Federation), Dr George Christidis (Technical University of Crete, Greece), and Prof. Makoto Ogawa (Waseda University, Japan). Prof. Stephen Guggenheim (University of Illinois at Chicago, USA) is the chair of the Nomenclature Committee, and Dr Sabine Petit (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France) is the chair of the Teaching Committee. The representative of the next ICC is Dr Alberto Lopez Galindo.

This year's Petrology Subgroup meeting was held at the Institute for Mineralogy in Bonn on June 7 and 8. Over 80 participants met for dinner on Friday night at the gates of the Poppelsdorfer Schloss, which was the host site for the scientific program. People from all over Germany and some international guests were in attendance, and students made numerous contributions. The next day, the scientific program was introduced by Chris Ballhaus (University of Bonn) and was highlighted by lively and contentious discussions. Nine posters were presented in the library, and nineteen talks covering field work, theoretical approaches, and experimental studies were given. Presentations focused on the influence of halogens and water on magmatic processes, element partitioning, mantle processes, and meteorites. After running out of water in terms of rain and discussions, this successful meeting culminated with a barbecue on the terrace of the Schloss, accompanied by live music.



The next AIPEA meeting, the 16th International Clay Conference, will be organized by the Sociedad Española de Arcillas (Spanish Clay Society), under the chairmanship of Dr Alberto Lopez Galindo. The 16th ICC will take place at the Science Park in Granada, in July 2017. With the theme "Clays, from the Oceans to Space," the conference will embrace the universe of micro- and nanominerals, confirming, once again, the central role of AIPEA in promoting multidisciplinary activities in theoretical and applied clay science. Information will be available after 1 January 2015 at the website www.16icc.org. The meeting will be an excellent occasion for sharing ideas and knowledge with scientists working in the diverse scientific fields of microminerals. It will also

Alberto Lopez Galindo, ready to carry the AIPEA flag to Granada, Spain, which will host the 16th ICC in July 2017

be a great opportunity to meet old and new friends, and to see Granada... to quote the poet Francisco de Icaza: "Give him alms, woman, for there is nothing sadder in life than being blind in Granada."

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