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WRI-14 – AVIGNON, FRANCE

The 14th Water–Rock Interaction Working Group conference was held in Avignon, France, on 9–14 June 2013 and was attended by 280 scientists from 32 countries. WRI-14 Secretary General Pierpaolo Zuddas organized an unforgettable experience for delegates in the famous medieval Palais des Papes in Avignon. The primary goals of the conference were to increase the fundamental and applied understanding of water–rock interactions at varying scales and to identify new WRI environmental issues. A wide range of topics was covered during WRI-14, and all the speakers did an outstanding job of presenting and sharing their expertise. The planning committee is pleased to announce that WRI-15 is scheduled to be held in Portugal in 2016. A full report on the Avignon meeting will be included in a future issue of *Elements* and in the IAGC fall Newsletter.



Sue Brantley, 2012 IAGC fellow, judging student poster presentations

URBAN GEOCHEMISTRY WORKING GROUP MEETING

The newest IAGC working group, Urban Geochemistry, will hold its first meeting on 5–7 August 2014 on the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, USA. We anticipate a small number of plenary talks, a series of poster sessions, and a discussion on the future of this new group. Keep a look out on the IAGC website, in *Elements*, and in other venues for more details. If you have already signed up to receive news of the Urban Geochemistry Working Group, you will receive these details via e-mail; if you would like to sign up, please e-mail Chris Gardner at IAGeoChemistry@gmail.com.

Berry Lyons (Ohio State University) and **Dave Long** (Michigan State University)

Presentations in Conclave Hall in the Palais des Papes



Past and present WRI general secretaries. From left: Luca Fanfani (WRI-10), Yousif Kharaka (WRI-7; WRI chairman 2001–2007), Halldór Ármannsson (WRI-5; WRI chairman 2007–2013), Pierpaolo Zuddas (WRI-14), Mike Edmunds (WRI-6), Tomáš Pačes (WRI-1), Susan Brantley (WRI-11), Thomas Kretzschmar (WRI-13; current WRI chairman), Oleg Chudaev (WRI-8)

ELSEVIER PHD STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Generously supported by Elsevier, the PhD Student Research Grants help support the analytical costs of PhD students in geochemistry. PhD Student Research Grants of up to US\$3000 may be awarded annually, based on receipt of deserving proposals, as determined by committee.

Applications for Student Research Grants for 2014 will be accepted through 1 December 2013. Funds will be disbursed to winning applicants before 1 May 2014. Student Research Grant recipients will be profiled in *Elements*, on the IAGC website, and in the spring edition of the IAGC Newsletter. Recipients will also receive a one-year complimentary IAGC membership. For application instructions and to download the necessary forms, please visit www.iagc-society.org/phd_grants.html.

CALL FOR 2014 AWARD NOMINATIONS

Now is the time for 2014 IAGC award nominations! The window of opportunity for nomination submission will extend through 1 December. Nominations may be made for the following 2014 awards: the Vernadsky Medal, the Ebelman Award, the Distinguished Service Award, the IAGC Fellow award, and the IAGC Certificate of Recognition. For a summary of the awards and instructions on how to submit your nomination, visit www.iagc-society.org/awards.html.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2014

New for 2014 memberships: In an effort to keep our operating costs low and provide convenient payment options to our members, we now accept credit card payments through Square Market (<http://squareup.com/market/iagc>) in addition to PayPal. Don't miss any issues of *Elements* – renew your IAGC membership for 2014 today! Visit www.IAGC-Society.org and click on “Society, Membership” to select your payment option.

Donation Request – Ignacio Torres



Our friend and colleague Ignacio Torres passed away unexpectedly on January 15, 2012. Ignacio S. Torres Alvarado, known as “Nacho” to his friends, leaves behind his wife, Gaby, and two children. The IAGC is happy to collect donations on behalf of his family. Please visit our website to make a donation. All major credit cards are accepted: www.iagc-society.org/ignacio_Torres_Donation.html.