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2026 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION – FRANKFURT AM MAIN, GERMANY

You are cordially invited to attend the 88th Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society from August 9th–14th, 2026, in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. The meeting is hosted by Goethe University and by the Senckenberg – Leibniz Institution for Biodiversity and Earth System Research with support from the Physikalischer Verein. The on-site registration will begin at 5 pm on Sunday, August 9th, 2026, with a welcome reception at the Jügelhaus of the Senckenberg Natural History Museum. Oral and poster sessions, as well as the Barringer lecture, will take place at the Auditorium Complex of Goethe University on Campus Westend, located conveniently in the city center. Proposals for special sessions and pre-conference workshops are encouraged. The annual banquet will be held at the dining hall on Campus Westend. On the evening of the banquet, a partial solar eclipse with 88% obscuration will be visible. If weather permits, we will offer the opportunity to watch this spectacle during the dinner. August is typically one of the warmest months in central Europe—daytime temperatures may easily be in the lower 30[°]C with lots of sunshine and little rain.

Campus Westend is located next to the Grüneburg Park, the Botanical Garden, and the Palmengarten, which are inviting for a stroll and time to relax. The surroundings offer a selection of many restaurants within 15 min walking distance. Getting to and around in Frankfurt is easy. Frankfurt Airport is the busiest airport in Germany, serving about 330 destinations on five continents. The direct connection by regional trains (S-Bahn) from the airport to the main train station in the city center takes only 15 min. The city has a great public transportation system served by buses and underground (U-Bahn) lines. In addition, taxis and Uber are available. Attendees of the conference will receive a bus and U-Bahn ticket for free rides in the inner city, valid for the entire week. There are many hotels of different ratings, all of which are located close to the venue and public transportation stations. A large number of hotel rooms will be available at conference prices. Details about booking conditions and availability will be provided on the website (<https://metsoc2026-frankfurt.com>). Wednesday afternoon excursions are planned to include, for example, wine-tasting in the Rheingau, a trip to the Messel Pit Fossil Site, a visit to the ESA, a tour of the Mathildenhöhe Site of Modernism, as well as a guided city tour of Frankfurt. Post-conference tours are currently in the planning stage.

Frankfurt is a bustling city. It is located in the geographic center of Europe and on the River Main. As the center of the EU's banking landscape and seat of the European Central Bank, it is an international city offering many cultural events, museums, restaurants, cafés, bars, clubs, and an exciting nightlife. Although the city is relatively small with only 750,000 inhabitants, it has all of the advantages of a larger metropolitan area. The Museum Embankment, sited along the River Main, features more than nine world-class museums, such as the Städel art gallery. Another highlight is the new Old Town, which was rebuilt in 2012–2018. Frankfurt is a place of German history with traces that can be explored all over the city. It was a site of Imperial coronations in the Holy Roman Empire and seat of the first democratically elected German parliament in 1848.

Details regarding the scientific and social program will be provided as soon as available. Visit the website, <https://metsoc2026-frankfurt.com>, for further details and regular updates.

We look forward to welcoming you all in Frankfurt in 2026!

The Local Organizing Committee

SOCIETY AWARD WINNERS

The Society gives five major awards each year. For more information on individual awards, please see the Call for Nominations and the Society webpage (<https://meteoritical.org/awards>). Congratulations to the highly deserving awardees, and thank you to all our members who took the time to nominate our colleagues for consideration and who serve on award committees.



The Leonard Medal is given to individuals who have made outstanding original contributions to the science of meteoritics or closely allied fields. The Meteoritical Society presents the 2025 Leonard Medal to **Conel Alexander** for the fundamental and important contributions he has made to many aspects of meteoritics and allied fields, including the nature and origin of chondrite matrix, the origin of presolar grains, the nature and origin of water and organic matter in the Solar System, the origin of chondrules, and the origin of major cosmochemical trends across the Solar System. Full citation: <https://doi.org/10.1111/maps.70026>.



The Barringer Medal is given for outstanding work in the field of impact cratering and/or work that has led to a better understanding of impact phenomena. The Meteoritical Society presents the 2025 Barringer Medal to **Sarah Stewart** for her fiendishly complicated shock physics experiments and her mastery of numerical impact modeling. This blend of shock experiments and numerical modeling has transformed how we think about melting and vaporization during planet formation. Full citation: <https://doi.org/10.1111/maps.70004>.



The Nier Prize is given for significant research in the field of meteoritics and closely related fields by an early career scientist under the age of 35 or whose PhD was awarded <7 years ago. The Meteoritical Society presents the 2025 Alfred O. Nier Prize for a distinguished young scientist to **Nicole Nie** for her contributions to our understanding of the depletion and isotopic behavior of moderately volatile elements in planetary bodies. Full citation: <https://doi.org/10.1111/maps.14365>.



The Service Award honors members who have advanced the goals of the Society to promote research and education in meteoritics and planetary science in ways other than by conducting scientific research. The Meteoritical Society presents the 2025 Service Award to **Rhiannon Mayne** for her widespread contributions to meteoritics and planetary science through extensive education and public outreach activities, service to the broader scientific community, and the acquisition, classification, and curation of many new samples for research in the Monnick Collection. Full citation: <https://doi.org/10.1111/maps.70009>.

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Please renew by March 31, 2026;
after that date, a \$15 late fee will be assessed.
You can renew online at: <https://meteoritical.org/society/membership>.



The GORDON MCKAY AWARD is given each year to the student who gives the best oral presentation at the annual meeting of the Society. The award honors the memory of Gordon A. McKay and is supported by the McKay Fund, which was established in 2008 as a part of the Meteoritical Society's endowment. The McKay Award for the 87th Annual Meeting of the Meteoritical Society in Perth goes to **Linda R. Losurdo** (The University of Sydney, Australia) for the talk

entitled "Plasma-Synthesised Organic Networks as Laboratory Analogues of IOM in Carbonaceous Chondrites: Distinguishing Ion Bombardment from Temperature Effects." The award comes with a prize of US \$1,000 and a certificate.

The WILEY-BLACKWELL AWARD is presented for outstanding presentations by students at the annual meeting of the Society. Wiley-Blackwell are the publishers of *Meteoritics and Planetary Science* and, for the 87th meeting in Perth, they sponsored five awards of US\$500 each. The 2025 Wiley Award winners are **Daniel L. Burgin** (Curtin University, Australia) for the presentation "Non-metallic Core Formation in Highly Oxidised Asteroids," **Connor Antonio Diaz** (University of Colorado Boulder, USA) for the presentation "Heterogeneous Ejection Temperatures Recorded in a "Low-Shock" Martian Meteorite by (U/Th)/He Thermochronology and a High-Pressure Polymorph," **Alexander M. Kling** (Purdue University, USA) for the presentation "Unraveling the Complex Relationship Between Progressive Space Weathering and the Cycling of Solar Wind Volatiles on the Moon," **Yamazaki Sojiro** (University of Tokyo, Japan) for the presentation "On the Relationship Between Geochemical Classification and Redox State of Poikilitic Shergottites: Further Evidence for Heterogeneous Martian Mantle," and **Zheng Yuke** (Field Museum & University of Chicago, USA) for the presentation "Volume Measurement of Small Particles using SEM Photogrammetry and 3-D Reconstruction."



Daniel Burgin



Connor Antonio Diaz



Alexander King



Yamazaki Sojiro



Zheng Yuke

CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Please consider nominating a colleague for one of the Society's awards. Nominations should be sent to the Society secretary at (metsosec@gmail.com) by January 15 (January 31 for the Pellas-Ryder Award and the Service Award). For more information and details on how to submit a nomination for any of these awards, please see the latest Newsletter on the Society website or email the secretary.

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