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## SPANISH MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY AT COSCE ANNUAL MEETING

On September 29, 2025, the Spanish Mineralogical Society (SEM) participated in the COSCE (Confederation of Spanish Scientific Societies) *Jornada de Sociedades 2025*, held in Madrid under the theme “*Science and Technology: Ethical Dilemmas*.” The meeting attracted delegates from COSCE’s 87 member associations, representing a wide spectrum of scientific disciplines. This diversity is one of the hallmarks of the event. This year, the meeting was complemented by live streaming ([cosce.org](http://cosce.org)), which allowed for even broader participation.



SEM was represented by **Dr. Pura Alfonso** (Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya), who delivered the presentation “*Cooperation for Development in the Sustainable Exploitation of Minerals: The Case of Mercury and Artisanal Gold Mining*.” Her talk spotlighted the complex nexus of mineral resource use, sustainable development, and global ethical responsibilities.

By contributing to COSCE’s annual meeting, SEM reaffirmed its commitment to bridging mineralogy with broader scientific, ethical, and societal conversations. For further details about the event, see the official COSCE page: <https://cosce.org/jornada-de-sociedades-2025-ciencia-y-tecnologia-dilemas-eticos/>.

## STRENGTHENING THE ROLE OF GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY AT THE SPANISH ROYAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

The Spanish Royal Academy of Science (Real Academia de Ciencias Exactas, Físicas y Naturales, RAC) has recently expressed its intention to enhance the presence of geology and mineralogy both within the Academy and in Spanish society at large. To advance this goal, the RAC



(Left to right): Antonio Cendredo Uceda (RAC), Amalia Romero Prados (Geological Survey of Spain, IGME), Ángeles Fernández Gonzalez (President of SEM), María Luisa Canales Fernández (Spanish Paleontological Society), Rosa María Mateos Ruiz (Director of the Geological Survey of Spain, IGME), Caridad Zazo Cardena (RAC), Ana Ruiz Costán (President of the Spanish Geological Society, SGE), Manuela Chamizo Borreguero (IGME and SGE), and Jesús Martínez Frías (RAC and SEM member). The photo was taken at the Geological and Mining Museum of Spain during the first meeting of the group, held in Madrid in May 2025.

invited the presidents and representatives of scientific societies in the field of geology, including the Spanish Mineralogical Society (SEM), to discuss possible avenues of collaboration in research, education, and outreach.

These collaborations will be formalized through bilateral agreements with the participating societies. SEM has already begun the process of establishing its own agreement with the RAC, marking an important step toward strengthening institutional ties and fostering joint initiatives to promote the geological sciences.

The initiative is expected to create opportunities to disseminate geological and mineralogical knowledge, develop joint educational programs, and carry out public outreach activities that highlight the role of geology in addressing societal challenges, such as sustainable resource management, environmental protection, and science communication. By working together, the societies aim to increase visibility, encourage interdisciplinary collaboration, and ensure that geological sciences are more fully integrated into both national scientific agendas and public understanding.

## CHANGES IN THE SPANISH REPRESENTATION ON SPANISH MINERALOGICAL NOMENCLATURE COMMISSION



The SEM wishes to warmly acknowledge **Prof. Pedro Pablo Gil Crespo** (University of the Basque Country), who has recently retired after a distinguished career. Pedro Pablo has been a highly valued member of SEM for decades, generously contributing his time and expertise. Among his many activities, he served for several years as the Spanish representative on the Commission on New Minerals, Nomenclature and Classification

(CNMNC) of the International Mineralogical Association (IMA). Within SEM, he was also responsible for mineralogical nomenclature, a task he carried out with great dedication. We are deeply grateful for his long-standing service and commitment.



SEM is pleased to announce that **Prof. Juan Jiménez Millán** (University of Jaén) has kindly accepted to become the new Spanish representative on the CNMNC-IMA. We sincerely thank him for taking on this important role for the mineralogical community.



At the same time, SEM is delighted to welcome **José Luis Garrido Rufaste** (SEM and Grup Mineralògic Català, and editor-in-chief of the Spanish magazine *Paragénesis*) as the new coordinator for Mineralogical Nomenclature Working Group within SEM (José Luis has already made a valuable contribution in this role by preparing the *Nomenclátor de Minerales en Español* (Spanish index of mineral names), which is available at <https://www.semineral.es/websem/seccion5.subitem2.subitem14.do?enlaceMenu=seccion5.subitem2.subitem14>.

The SEM sincerely thanks all three colleagues—Pedro Pablo, Juan, and José Luis—for their dedication and contributions to mineralogy, past, present, and future.