**Get Started BECOMES THE YOUNGMINERALOGISTS!**

**Different name, same goals**

Get Started was founded in 2020 by a group of young scientists of the DMG to create a platform where students and graduates of geosciences with a mineralogical focus can find out about career prospects and exchange ideas. Since March 2023, we are called YoungMineralogists, or YoungMins for short.

**The YoungMins as the junior organisation of the DMG**

As YoungMineralogists—or simply YoungMins—we want to represent the interests of young scientists in the DMG. We are your contact for your first conference, your bridge to the student network GeStEIN, and the young scientist organisations of the other professional societies. And if you want to get involved in the DMG, we offer you entry at eye level! YoungMins is a network of students and young professionals. In addition, YoungMins serves as a platform for the exchange of experiences on various topics, e.g. to point out possible career paths and specialisations during studies. Especially at conferences, YoungMins wants to offer networking opportunities to introduce the new world of professional conferences and create opportunities to get to know others in a similar situation. Another focus is the exchange of questions and challenges for PhD students and postdocs. In this way, topics for optimising an academic career can be discussed together, for example, to initiate statements. YoungMins is also about pointing out the pros and cons of diverse career paths in industry, academia, and other fields, not just those of an academic career.

But we don’t just want to invite the “young”! When the former GetStarted group was set up, “seniors” deliberately came together with “early career researchers” to share their experiences and build a network of exchange. That’s why we deliberately appeal to all those who feel they belong to mineralogy to join the DMG’s Young Scientists Organisation.

**How can you join?**

Are you an experienced scientist who wants to support the new generation, or are you still a geosciences student, or at the beginning of your career? Then get in touch with us by emailing youngmins@dmg-home.org. There are many ways to get involved and benefit from the growing network. Please also check the DMG website for upcoming events and general information about YoungMins. You can find us under the “Sections, Working Groups, Commissions and Project Groups” tab.

**DMG SHORT COURSES IN SEPTEMBER 2023**

DMG will support several short courses this summer. All courses will be aimed primarily at advanced-level undergraduate and graduate students but, as always, are open to more senior researchers as well. Nonlocal student DMG members will be eligible for travel support up to an amount of 100 €.

1. **Summer School: Advanced Methods for the Characterization of Applied Materials**
   - Max-Planck-Institut für Kohlenforschung, Mülheim an der Ruhr, Hilke Petersen and Claudia Weidenthaler, 25–27 September 2023
   - weidenthaler@mpi-muelheim.mpg.de, https://event.mpi-muelheim.mpg.de/summerschool2023

2. **In situ Analysis of Isotopes and Trace Elements by Femtosecond Laser Ablation ICP-MS**
   - Institute for Mineralogy, Leibniz University Hannover, Ingo Horn, Marina Lazarov, Martin Oeser, and Stefan Weyer, 25–29 September 2023
   - s.weyer@mineralogie.uni-hannover.de

**Highly relevant**

The YoungMins of the DMG had a kick-off meeting in Hannover from 9 to 11 June. You can find a report on our website and in the next issue of *Elements*. Our “Young Scientist Session” has been accepted for MinWien23 this September! The abstract submission is open, see https://minwien2023.univie.ac.at/. Please feel free to tell your colleagues about the session. We are happy to welcome all young scientists at BSc, MSc, doctoral, and postdoc level from all fields of mineralogy, petrology, and related disciplines!

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