



The Clay Minerals Society

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You may not be aware of the services offered by the Clay Minerals Society.

One opportunity is the Reynolds Cup competition, named after Bob Reynolds for his pioneering work in quantitative clay mineralogy and his great contributions to the clay science Reynolds Cup Competition – The Clay Minerals Society. Check out www.clays.org/reynolds/.

Would you like to test the performance of your methods to analyze geological samples, especially in characterizing and quantifying clay minerals? We suggest you participate in the 2024 (12th) Reynolds Cup competition. The competition is a biennial event supported by the Clay Minerals Society and the German-Austrian-Swiss Clay Group (DTTG). Its primary goal is to stimulate improvements in analytical techniques and individual skills. This is offered as a service to the scientific community, and depends on the goodwill and fairness of all involved.

The Reynolds Cup Competition is open to anyone interested in quantitative mineral analysis, with particular emphasis on clay mineralogy. The competition is free for all to enter on the understanding that participants will submit their results. The Reynolds Cup competition provides three test samples, which are carefully prepared to represent realistic rock or soil mineral assemblages. The three samples are made available to individuals in commercial, industrial, government, or academic laboratories to use any method(s) to obtain the most accurate quantitative phase analysis.

The top three contestants of the 12th Reynolds Cup will be announced at the 61st Annual Meeting of the Clay Minerals Society in Hawaii (June 3–6) 2024 Meeting – The Clay Minerals Society. Only the names of the top three contestants will be published; details and other participants are kept confidential.

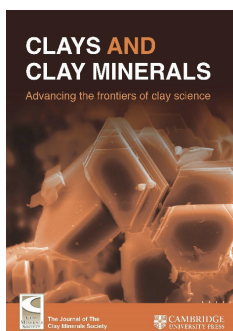
Additionally, if you wish to test, tune, and try your methods at a later time, Reynolds Cup samples prepared for previous competitions can also be purchased using the CMS Source Clay Pro Forma Order Form. These samples represent clay-bearing rocks, soils, or raw materials in the broadest sense and even include a 'Martian' sediment. Since its inception in 2002, over 1800 sets of results have been submitted to the Reynolds Cup competition. So join in the fun and blind test just how good your methods of quantitative phase analysis are! Samples for the 12th Reynolds Cup should be ready for distribution by end of January 2024. Registration is available on the CMS website (www.clays.org).

Enjoy it!

Sabine Petit, CMS President

JOURNAL UPDATE: CLAYS AND CLAY MINERALS

A new chapter in the life of *Clays and Clay Minerals* begins at the start of 2024. We have completed our five-year agreement with SpringerNature and have decided to partner with Cambridge University Press from 2024 onwards. We are grateful to Ron Doering and his colleagues at SpringerNature, and we now look forward to working with the team at Cambridge including Catherine Hill and Chris McEntee.



Submit your paper:

Author guidelines are available at <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/clays-and-clay-minerals/information/author-instructions>.

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Editors

We are fortunate that most of the members of the Editorial Board (<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/clays-and-clay-minerals/information/about-this-journal/editorial-board>) will continue to work with us. We welcome the new members of the Board: Marcelo Alves (ESALQ/USP, São Paulo, Brazil), Arek Derkowski (IGSPAS Research Centre, Krakow, Poland), Liva Dzene (École Nationale Supérieure de Chimie de Mulhouse, France), Rawil Fakhrullin (Kazan Volga Region Federal University, Kazan, Russian Federation), and Bharat Tadikonda (Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, India). We thank Geoff Bowers, Katja Emmerich, Warren Huff, and Jana Madejova, who have served for many years and are taking a well-earned break. Also stepping down is Robert Preston, who has served as the journal's copy editor for a number of years and, before that, its typesetter—many thanks to Robert for all of his years of dedicated service.

Professor Joseph W. Stucki, who has served as the Editor-in-Chief since 2008, continues in this role and we are grateful to him. Kevin Murphy is also continuing as Managing Editor and has our gratitude as well.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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Join CMS with new types of membership! Please visit www.clays.org or contact the Business Office at cms@clays.org.

Deadline to Remember

The Student Research Grant deadline is Feb 1, 2024, and nominations for the Brindley, Bailey, and Jackson awards are due March 1, 2024.

Save the Date!



The 61st Annual Meeting of The Clay Minerals Society and the 5th Asian Clay Conference
Location: Honolulu, Hawaii
Time: June 3–6, 2024