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## WATER-ROCK INTERACTION-19 /APPLIED ISOTOPE GEOCHEMISTRY-16 (IAGC-4) BEIJING, CHINA — SUMMER 2027

WRI-19 / AIG-16 (IAGC-4) will be held in the summer of 2027 in Beijing, China. The conference will be chaired by Professor Huaming Guo of the China University of Geosciences (Beijing). The planned venue, the Beijing Conference Center, is located near the city's northern Fifth Ring Road.

The scientific program will include approximately 30 technical sessions, covering topics such as geothermal energy, groundwater biogeochemistry, radionuclide migration, reactive transport across scales, urban geochemistry, groundwater management, nanoparticle geochemistry, emerging contaminant geochemistry, microbe–organic matter interactions, isotopes in contaminant tracing, and radioactive isotopes for groundwater dating.

2027 also marks the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the IAGC, and we hope to include a celebration of the occasion at the conference in Beijing. Please send any suggestions to [businessoffice@iagc-society.org](mailto:businessoffice@iagc-society.org).

## CO-EXECUTIVE EDITOR FOR *APPLIED GEOCHEMISTRY JOURNAL*

**The application deadline for the Co-Executive Editor of *Applied Geochemistry* was December 31, 2025. Review of the applications is underway. The new Co-Executive Editor will start the position on July 1, 2026**

### *About the Journal*

*Applied Geochemistry*, the official journal of the International Association of GeoChemistry (IAGC), has been a leading publication since 1986. With an impact factor of 3.4 and a Cite Score of 6.7, it serves a multidisciplinary audience in the geochemical community, focusing on research with practical applications. The journal supports the UN's sustainable development goals, particularly SDG 3, SDG 6, and SDG 13.

2027 will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Applied Geochemistry*, and we will be taking suggestions on how to commemorate that milestone. A special issue might be in order, but other ideas are welcome.

## IAGC STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS.

The proposal deadline for IAGC Student Research Grants was December 31, 2025. Approximately 64 proposals have been received, and five or six awards of up to \$2300 will be made.

**Review of the proposals is now taking place, and awards will be announced by May 1, 2026.**

## GUNTER FAURE (1934–2025)



Gunter Faure, a geochemist of global stature and a career-long member and leader of the International Association of GeoChemistry (IAGC), passed away on July 12, 2025. He was widely regarded as a giant in the field of geochemistry, with foundational contributions to isotope geology, radiogenic dating, and Antarctic geoscience.

After receiving a University Gold Medal for his undergraduate studies in geology at the University of Western Ontario, Gunter pursued his PhD at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology under the supervision of Patrick Hurley. His 1961 doctoral thesis, *The Isotopic Composition of Strontium in Oceanic and Continental Basalts and the Origin of Igneous Rocks*, represented an early and innovative contribution to Sr-isotope geochemistry and radiogenic dating and remains a landmark in the development of isotope geology.

Antarctica was a central focus of Gunter's research career. He participated in 11 Antarctic field expeditions and conducted a diverse range of Sr-isotope and geochemical studies that significantly advanced understanding of Antarctic geology. He also authored a textbook on the geoscience of Antarctica.

Gunter was the author of numerous influential textbooks spanning introductory geochemistry and isotope geology. Most notably, *Principles of Isotope Geology* (1976) introduced multiple generations of students to isotope geochemistry and remains a foundational text in the field.

In addition to his research and teaching contributions, Gunter played a major role in the geochemical community through editorial leadership and professional service. He served as Executive Editor of *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* from 1989 to 1997 and was also a former editor of the *Geological Society of America Bulletin*. Within IAGC, he was an early leader, serving as President from 1996 to 2000 and Past-President from 2000 to 2004, as well as holding other offices.

In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to geochemistry and to IAGC, the association established the Faure Award in 2008. This award recognizes the best student research presentation at each IAGC-sponsored conference or IAGC-organized technical session at major geosciences meetings.

Gunter Faure's legacy endures through his pioneering contributions to isotope geology, his influential textbooks, his leadership within the geochemical community, and the many students and colleagues shaped by his work.