



Japan Association of Mineralogical Sciences

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



My name is Toru Inoue and I am the President of the Japan Association of Mineralogical Sciences (JAMS). I have now been in the presidency for one year. Although the JAMS transitioned to a new management structure two years ago, thanks to the cooperation of the new Secretariat, the Board of Directors, the Managers and all our members, this new system is now functioning smoothly.

While many academic societies are currently experiencing a decline in membership, JAMS has seen an increase since 2022. The influx of younger members is particularly noticeable. JAMS maintains a membership of over 800 people.

The 2025 Annual Meeting, hosted by Yamaguchi University, successfully defied the odds by being held in a regional city, achieving great success with 230 submissions and over 200 attendees at the meeting banquet. I am delighted to see the JAMS revitalising itself through this increased human interaction.

The 2026 Annual Meeting is scheduled for 24–26 September at the University of Tokyo. Although a hybrid format combining online and in-person participation is planned, we hope that as many members as possible will join us in person. We also look forward to welcoming many international researchers. Our society is currently working on a website renewal. We would be delighted if you could take a look at <https://jams-mineral.jp/english/jams/>.

Our society publishes the international academic journal *Journal of Mineralogical and Petrological Sciences (JMPS)*. Although it is an open-access journal, submission fees are relatively low and we welcome submissions from overseas (<https://jams-mineral.jp/journal/jmps/>).

Furthermore, while the JAMS designated 'jadeite and jadeite rock' as Japan's national stone in September 2016, four new stones have now been selected as Japan's quasi-national stones in 2025: 'granite (granitic rocks and their pegmatites)', 'stibnite', 'natural gold' and 'quartz (including Japanese-style twins, agate, chalcedony and jasper)'. In order to convey the appeal of mineral science more widely, we will communicate its charm to a greater number of people through these promotional activities.

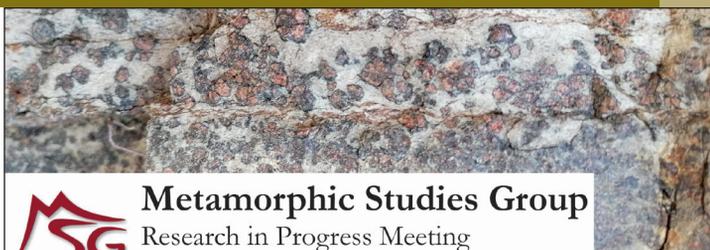
Our society expects participation in *Elements* to further promote the internationalisation of its members. We sincerely request your continued support.

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INVITATION TO THE JPGU-AGU JOINT MEETING 2026

We are pleased to inform you that the Japan Geoscience Union (JpGU)-American Geoscience Union (AGU) Joint Meeting will be held on 24–29 May 2026 at Makuhari Messe in Chiba, Japan. Our 2026 theme 'Transformative Science for Life & Earth' reflects the urgent need to connect deep scientific enquiry with planetary stewardship, and to reimagine how science and society can work together. We plan to hold the meeting in hybrid format, mixing on-site and online. The JpGU-AGU Joint Meeting will be a fruitful opportunity for the development of global geoscience collaboration. More information is available at https://www.jpгу.org/meeting_e2026/.



Metamorphic Studies Group

Research in Progress Meeting

Overseas Edition

Cagliari (Sardinia, Italy), April 9th-10th, 2026



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Save the date!

The 2026 Research in Progress meeting of the Mineral Physics Group will be held **July 8th – 9th** at the **University of Oxford**.

Bringing together post-graduate and post-doctoral researchers from all areas of high-pressure mineralogy & crystallography, mineral magnetism, molecular crystallography, computational mineral physics, geophysics, and planetary science to encourage the development of collaborations and sharing of results from recent research.

Travel bursaries available for early career researchers.

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