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SO, HERE WE ARE, IN 2026. WELCOME!

This year the Mineralogical Society celebrates its sesquicentennial anniversary (150th birthday 🎉). Wow!



Schuster Building, University of Manchester

We are celebrating by hosting a fantastic conference at the University of Manchester, with the president, Prof. Sam Shaw, in the organising hot seat. Visit our website for more information: <https://minsoc-150.org>.

Here is our latest list of keynote speakers:

Mineralogical Society at 150: Past Discoveries and Future Frontiers
23rd–25th June 2026, The University of Manchester, UK

- M. Rumsey (Natural History Museum, London)
- Elizabeth Watkin (Edith Cowan University, Australia)
- Carolyn Pearce (Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, USA)
- Jeffrey Paulo H. Perez (GFZ Helmholtz Centre for Geosciences, Germany)
- David Manning (Newcastle University, UK)
- M. Hochella (Virginia Tech, USA)
- J. Cosmidis (University of Oxford, UK)
- Pierre Josso (BGS Critical Metals Intelligence Centre, UK)
- Geraldine Tchimbali (Pensana Ltd, Angola)
- Katie McFall (University College London)
- Thomas Breithaupt (University of Cambridge, UK)
- Jennifer Jackson (Caltech, USA)
- Hannah Hughes (Camborne School of Mines, UK)
- Oliver Higgins (St. Andrews University, UK)
- Alan Hastie (University of Edinburgh)
- Emma Tomlinson (Trinity College Dublin)
- Pierre Le Pape (Sorbonne Université/CNRS/MNHN/IRD, France)

More to follow...

And our 2025 medallists will also present their work at the conference:

- Andrew Berry, Australia National University, Canberra (Neumann Medal)
- Barb Dutrow, Louisiana State University, USA (Collins Medal)

- Lin Ma, University of Manchester, UK (Max Hey Medal)
- James Byrne, Bristol University, UK (Howie Best Paper Award)

Read about our proposed sessions:
<https://minsoc-150.org/programme/>

- Universal: Mineralogy: Then, Now and Beyond
- Biogeochemical impacts on mineral cycling in natural and engineered systems
- Minerals, contaminant dynamics and remediation in the environment
- Minerals for a sustainable environment
- Engineered minerals for existing and emerging technologies
- Critical Minerals and energy transition
- Evolving mineralogy of the Earth system: interactions within the crust, mantle and core
- Crystal records of volcanic, magmatic and mineralisation processes
- Metamorphism and fluid-melt-rock interactions within the lithosphere
- Advances in mineralogical analysis – Development of techniques for 21st century research

Our scientific committee includes the following:

Convenors: H. Pendowski (The James Hutton Institute, Aberdeen), Ralf Gertisser (Keele University), John Moreau (Glasgow), Casey Bryce (University of Bristol), Jon Lloyd (University of Manchester), L. Townsend (Nuclear Waste Services, UK), A. Neumann (Paul Scherrer Institute, Switzerland), K. Rothwell (Stirling University), John MacDonald (University of Glasgow), David McNamara (University of Liverpool), Faisal Khudhur (University of Edinburgh), Rick Kimber (University of Manchester), Kirill Shafran (BYK Additives, UK), Chris Egan-Morriss (University of Manchester), Martin Smith (University of Brighton), Hannah Grant (British Geological Survey), Adrian Finch (University of St. Andrews), Holly Elliott (British Geological Survey), Alfred Wilson (University of Leeds), Fred Richards (Imperial College London), Simon Hunt, Tara McElhinny, and Josh Littleton (University of Manchester), Ollie Lord (University of Bristol), Mike Stock (Trinity College Dublin), Steven Hollis (University of Edinburgh), David Neave (University of Manchester), Owen Weller (University of Cambridge), Richard Palin (University of Oxford), Richard White (University of St Andrews), Charlotte Simpson (University of Oxford), George Cooper (Cardiff University), J.F.W. Bowles (University of Manchester), and Marie-Laure Bagard (University of Cambridge)

Registration is open: <https://minsoc-150.org/registration/>

Bursaries are available: <https://www.minersoc.org/postgraduate-bursaries.html>

We are looking forward to a very exciting three days at the University of Manchester, UK. If you cannot make the whole conference, you are welcome to join part. Some may care simply to attend the banquet in the breathtaking Whitworth Hall. Further information is available on our registration page.



Whitworth Hall

We welcome colleagues from the international community; our membership is 50% overseas, so please do come to share this momentous occasion with us.

We will also be publishing a detailed history of the Society, written by Prof. Richard Patrick, past-president.



Japan Association of Mineralogical Sciences

<https://jams-mineral.jp/english/jams/>

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.

Toru Inoue

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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

Local organizing committee:
S. Ferrero, G. Cruciani, A. Idini, L. Casini,
O. Turek, L. Dulcetta, D. Fancello

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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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