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## 2026 EAG COUNCIL

The Council elections took place in October 2025, and we are pleased to welcome the three new councillors—Márta Berkesi (HUN-REN, Hungary), Celia Dalou (CRPG-CNRS, France), and Eva Stüeken (University of St Andrews, UK)—who were elected by EAG members. We sincerely thank all EAG members who voted, as well as all of the candidates who stood for election.



**Márta Berkesi** earned her PhD from Eötvös Loránd University in Hungary in 2011, conducting part of her research at the GeoResources Laboratory of the University of Lorraine, France. After completing postdoctoral research in Nancy (France) in 2012, she returned to Hungary. Currently, she is a senior research fellow at the HUN-REN Institute for Earth Physics and Space Science. Her work focuses on deep lithosphere fluids and mantle degassing, including

studies on mantle fluids and metasomatism, carbonatites, and complex multiphase HP–HT metamorphic fluids.



**Celia Dalou** earned her PhD in 2011 at Université Blaise Pascal (France) and is a CNRS researcher in experimental petrology at CRPG-CNRS in Nancy in France. Her research focuses on the partitioning and isotopic fractionation of volatile elements (H, C, N, S) during melting, degassing, evaporation, and metal–silicate segregation. She integrates experimental petrology, geochemistry, and planetary science to explore the role of volatiles in Earth's

chemical evolution and planetary differentiation.



**Eva Stüeken** is a Reader (Associate Professor) in the School of Earth & Environmental Sciences at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, UK. She obtained her PhD in Earth sciences and astrobiology at the University of Washington, Seattle (USA). Her research focuses on the origin and early evolution of life on Earth and implications for constraining the habitability of other worlds. She uses a combination of field work, laboratory experi-

ments, geochemical analyses, and models to develop biosignatures and reconstruct biogeochemical cycles through Earth history.

The EAG extends its heartfelt appreciation to the many volunteers who generously dedicate their time to the association. We would like to express our gratitude to Raúl Fonseca, Karen Hudson-Edwards, and Silke Merchel, who completed their terms on the Council at the close of 2025, acknowledging their significant contributions to the EAG during their tenure.

### 2026 EAG Council

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2026 EAG Councillors and staff in Paris.

### COUNCILLORS

- Pallavi Anand (Open University, UK)
- Bruno Dhuime (Géosciences Montpellier, France)
- Baptiste Debret (IPGP, France) – Early Career Councillor
- Márta Berkesi (HUN-REN Institute for Earth Physics and Space Science, Hungary)
- Celia Dalou (CRPG, CNRS, France)
- Eva Stüeken (University of St Andrews, UK)
- Julie Prytulak (University of British Columbia, Canada)
- Paolo Sossi (ETH Zürich, Switzerland)
- Carla Tiraboschi (University of Perugia, Italy)
- Aurélie Verney-Carron (University Paris-Est Créteil, France)

### 2026 EAG AWARDS

We are delighted to announce the three recipients of the 2026 European Association of Geochemistry awards, who are recognized by the community for their exceptional achievements in geochemistry. The three medallists will present their award lectures at the Goldschmidt 2026 conference in Montréal in July.



#### H.C. Urey Award to Ray F. Weiss



The recipient of the 2026 H.C. Urey Award is Ray F. Weiss (Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego, USA). Ray Weiss's influence on the field of geochemistry over the arc of his career has extended from the ocean floor to the upper atmosphere. His development and application of rigorous and creative geochemical measurement techniques have advanced our understanding of ocean and deep lake circulation, hydrothermal vent geochemistry, gas solubilities in natural waters, and the global and regional distributions of atmospheric trace gases.

#### Science Innovation Award to Elizabeth Cottrell

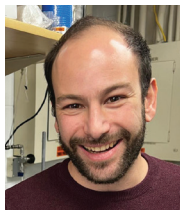


The recipient of the 2026 Science Innovation Award, named in honor of Alfred Edward “Ted” Ringwood, is Elizabeth Cottrell (National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, USA). Elizabeth Cottrell is recognized for her innovative and leading contributions in the study of the oxidation state of

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Earth's mantle through the magmas that it produces, and the residues left behind, work that has led to transformative scientific advances and catalyzed a renaissance in the field.

### F.G. Houtermans Award to Alan M. Seltzer



The recipient of the 2026 F.G. Houtermans Award is Alan M. Seltzer (University College Dublin, Ireland). Alan Seltzer is recognized for his achievements in the fields of hydrology, marine chemistry, climate science, and mantle geochemistry. In particular, he developed novel ultra-high precision analytical methods, which led to important recent discoveries in these fields of study.

### 2026 EAG CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

The EAG is pleased to announce that three events taking place in 2026 were selected to receive sponsorship through the **EAG Conference and Short-course Sponsorship program**, which directly supports student participation and training at geochemistry events in Europe. See the website links below for details and upcoming deadlines.



**10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Polar and Alpine Microbiology**, 12–16 January 2026, Copenhagen, Denmark. <https://www.icebio.eu/pages/pam2026/>



**IAGOD 2026 pre-conference workshop “Decoding Ore Genesis: Understanding Fluid and Melt Inclusions in Critical Metal Systems”**, 30 August 2026, Porto, Portugal. <https://iagod2026.inporto.events/workshops.html>



**GARD2026: Groundwater Arsenic Research Days**, 22–26 November 2026, Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland. <https://gard2026.ethz.ch/>

### 2026 DISTINGUISHED LECTURE TOUR

Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the **EAG Distinguished Lecture Program** aims to introduce and motivate scientists and students located in under-represented regions of the world to emerging research areas in geochemistry. The program currently focuses on Central and Eastern Europe.



2026 Distinguished Lecturer, **Liane G. Benning**, is a biogeochemist studying mineral–fluid–microbe interface processes. She is Professor of Interface Geochemistry at the GFZ Helmholtz Centre for Geosciences in Potsdam, Germany, where her team studies various processes that shape the Earth's surface, with a special focus on two aspects: the nucleation, growth, and crystallization of mineral phases from solution; and the role, effects, and

interplay between microbes and minerals in extreme environments. She is also interested in the characterization of these systems, developing in situ and time-resolved high-resolution imaging and spectroscopic techniques to follow microbe–mineral reactions as they occur.

Liane will commence the 2026 Distinguished Lecture Tour in Bucharest, Romania, this April, before moving on to visit institutes in Hungary and Poland in June. Two lectures will be presented during the tour:

**Lecture 1.** Making and breaking minerals: the fight between kinetics vs. thermodynamics at Earth surface conditions.

**Lecture 2.** The big melt: how microbes, minerals and ions change our planet today and in future warmer climates.

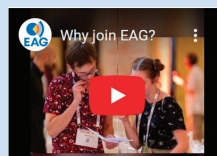
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