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## EAG COMMITTEE NEWS

The efforts of the many volunteers serving on EAG committees, editorial boards, and working groups, are crucial to the running of the association, the success of its programs, and the development of initiatives to support the needs of an ever-growing and evolving community.

Here we present the latest news and activities from three of our committees. A call for volunteers for 2027 will open later in the autumn, so keep an eye out for announcements in the EAG newsletter if you are interested in getting involved!

### Training and Outreach

The Training and Outreach (T&O) committee helps coordinate various initiatives across the EAG that support opportunities for early career scientists. The committee is currently chaired by Sebastiaan van de Velde (University of Otago and the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research, New Zealand) and co-chaired by Silvia Volante (ETH Zürich, Switzerland). Key activities include managing and evaluating applications for the Student Sponsorship and Early Career Science Ambassador programs, which support conference or workshop attendance and short research stays for young scientists from around the world, providing crucial travel funding for up to twenty students and post-doctoral fellows annually.

The T&O committee likewise evaluates applications for the Short Course and Conference Sponsorship Program, which provides funding to support student attendance at member-led geochemistry events organized in Europe, for example, via reduced or waived registration rates, providing student travel grants, or covering the costs of specific student activities at the event. A range of events have been sponsored since the program's inception in 2011, from small conferences in geochemistry to lab- and field-based workshops and summer schools, as well as online and hybrid events in more recent years. Applications for events taking place in 2027 will open in November 2026. Learn more at <https://www.eag.org/outreach/event-sponsorship/>.

The committee also helps collate the EAG's events calendar and the programs and bursaries page, which list future meetings, training courses, and funding opportunities of potential interest to geochemists.

With high numbers of applications across the EAG programs, as well as continually evolving training and funding needs, the work of the committee is crucial to the EAG's support of early career scientists.

Co-chair Silvia explains, "Being part of the T&O committee is both highly rewarding and challenging. Serving on the committee offers valuable insights—not only into upcoming scientific events, but also into what motivates other young scientists to develop their careers. While the grants we award can have a real and positive impact on early-career researchers, we are also faced with difficult decisions when we cannot fund strong applications, which can be disappointing for those applicants. This dual responsibility makes the role both gratifying and challenging and highlights the importance of fair and thoughtful evaluation."

### Communications

The EAG Communications Committee works to raise the visibility of the EAG and geochemistry among a broad audience, ranging from the general public to researchers at all academic levels. This ideas- and creativity-driven team of nine undertakes a wide range of activities, including creating multimedia content to promote geochemistry, soliciting and writing articles for the EAG Blogosphere and *Elements* society news, organizing online webinar series, and helping promote headline-hitting geochemical research, events, and community activities across the EAG's social media channels, website, and newsletter.

Current committee chair, Ichiko Sugiyama (Carleton University, Canada; Guest Investigator at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA) explains, "The Communications Committee works to make geochemistry more accessible to the public by sharing the stories and experiences of researchers in the field. We highlight how science shapes their work and lives, showcase research conducted at large-scale shared laboratory facilities, and explore cutting-edge interdisciplinary studies—all through engaging and accessible multimedia platforms."



**2026 EAG Communications Committee (TOP LEFT TO BOTTOM RIGHT):** Ichiko Sugiyama (Chair), Astrid Hysten, Aurélie Verney-Caron, Gerald Raab, Helen Feord, Marta Berkesi, Natalia Jakus, Piyal Halder, and Zhaoxun Yang.



## Early Career Program

- **Student Sponsorship** – up to 1000 € per student.  
Application deadlines: 1 Feb, 1 May, 1 Sep, 1 Dec
- **Early Career Science Ambassadors** – up to 1500 € per ambassador. Application deadlines: 1 Mar, 1 Jun, 1 Oct

Visit [eag.org/early-career/](http://eag.org/early-career/) to find out more!

New initiatives are already underway this year, including a planned blog series, *Unexpected Geochemistry*, which highlights surprising applications of geochemistry in multidisciplinary research. In recent years, the Committee launched *EAG Reactions*, a series of online webinars coupled with engaging roundtable discussions designed to foster connections between diverse scientific communities. Bridging gaps between academia, industry professionals, and the public across continents and diverse scientific disciplines, *Reactions* serves as a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange.

Find out more about the committee on the EAG Blogosphere and keep up to date with all of the EAG's activities by subscribing to our newsletter or following one of our social media platforms.



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### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The EAG Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is a dynamic committee, currently comprising 11 members and co-chaired by Pieter Bots from the Netherlands, and Eva Stüeken from the UK. Working collaboratively with other EAG committees, the team plays a crucial role in raising the profile of and mitigating DEI challenges across the wide spectrum of EAG activities.

The committee meets regularly to discuss and formulate important recommendations and changes to ensure students and researchers of all backgrounds, identities, and abilities feel welcome and recognized



**2026 EAG Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee** (TOP LEFT TO BOTTOM RIGHT): Pieter Bots (Co-Chair), Eva Stüeken (Co-Chair), Qasid Ahmad, Pablo Forjanés, Mona Lueder, Yeganeh Mirzaei, Mohammad Nooraiepour, Arathy Ravindran, Carla Tiraboschi, Ana Cristina Vásquez, and Clara Zelinsky.

in the geochemistry community. Recent initiatives have included ways to improve award procedures, providing guidance to increase accessibility and inclusivity at Goldschmidt conferences, writing blog contributions profiling geochemists across the community, and proposing new outreach activities. In 2022, the committee also led the first Global Geochemistry Community Survey.

Eva and Pieter write "As the DEI committee, we try to help ensure that in the EAG all voices are heard and that everybody, regardless of background, identity and ability, feels they belong and is welcome in the EAG. It is exciting and rewarding to work with a diverse group of enthusiastic geochemists towards creating a more inclusive, diverse and colourful geochemistry community and working environment. Over the coming years, we plan to continue some of our successful initiatives, including DEI workshops and social events at Goldschmidt, as well as blog posts highlighting success stories of scientists from traditionally underrepresented groups. In addition, we hope to increase awareness of the challenges faced by people with physical disabilities in the workplace, in particular during field work, and highlight success stories to inspire other institutions."

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