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2026 METEORITICAL SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT



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The Society's finances continue to be on a sound footing, and both the Operating Fund and our Investment Fund are currently very healthy. A full report of our finances will be presented at the annual meeting in August, in Frankfurt, Germany.

As reported in the last two Treasurer's reports, in 2024, Council voted to support a more sustainable investment strategy. This new fund was opened in January of 2024. As a result of the excellent performance of this fund, the Endowment Committee recommended a further transfer of funds into the

Blackrock ESG fund in July 2025, and again in February 2026, and it now comprises approximately 54% of our total investments. As of May 31st, 2026, both funds are performing well, with a combined risk at 65:35 between the two funds. The Endowment Committee will assess the performance of the funds every quarter, with a goal of continuing to invest as much of the Society's money as ethically as possible.

Details on the general endowment are available in the Treasurer's report in the member portal accessed by logging into the Society's website. The investment fund is distributed across six endowed funds. The Nier, McKay, and Jessberger Funds support our named awards. The TIM Fund and the Norton Fund support member travel to the annual meeting. The largest fund is the General Endowment Fund, which supports a variety of outreach projects, research grants, and early career travel to annual meetings.

The Endowment Committee is responsible for allocating funds from the General Endowment Fund. The Society's Bylaws state that 5% of the general endowment's value can be allocated for spending each year. This includes the allocation of 4% of the General Endowment for Community and Research grants (see below) and 1% for Early Career travel awards to the annual meeting of the Meteoritical Society. In fiscal year (FY) 2026 (which ended May 31, 2026), these amounted to ~\$82,500 and ~\$18,200, respectively. In FY 2026, 8 Community Grants, 14 Research Grants, and 14 Early Career travel grants were awarded.

Requests for funding from the general endowment are considered twice annually, on January 15th and June 15th. Community Fund Grants (open to all members) support activities that further the goals of the Meteoritical Society, and Research Grants (open to students and early career researchers) support collaborative research in the fields of meteoritics and planetary science. More information about these grants can be found on the website: <https://meteoritical.org/endowment/general-endowment-fund>. Please see the website for a list of recently funded grants: <https://meteoritical.org/grants>. Proposals for community fund grants or research grants should be emailed to the secretary (metsec@meteoritical.org). If you have any questions, please contact the Chair of the Endowment Committee, Tasha Dunn (tdunn@colby.edu).

2026 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership in the Meteoritical Society is open to any person interested in meteoritics and related sciences regardless of residence, citizenship, or age. As of May 2026, the Meteoritical Society comprises 406 regular members, 277 students, 133 early career (EC) members, 233 retired members, 70 lifetime members, and 22 members from low-income countries (FIG. 1). This brings us to a grand total of 1141 members in 63 countries, an increase of 124 members since last year, which is a growth of more than 10% in the total number of members of the Society. We have members in 63 countries, which has increased significantly from just 44 countries in 2020. This report, along with a table showing the number of members from each country, is available on the Meteoritical Society webpage.

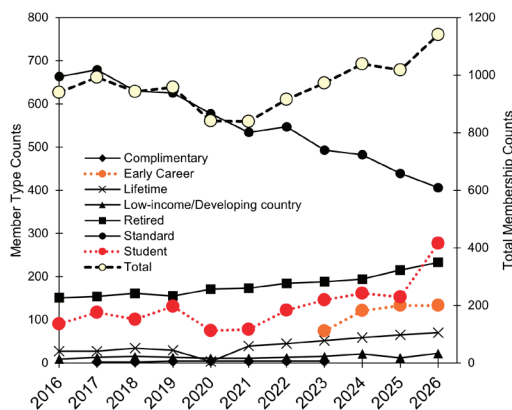


FIGURE 1

Membership data through the last 10 years.

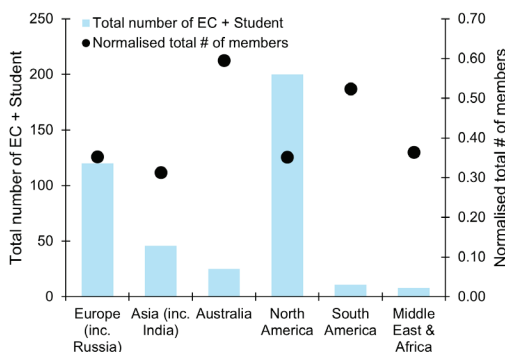


FIGURE 2

Numbers of students and EC members from different countries and regions.

To encourage students and EC members to join the Society, in 2023 we implemented a new fee structure: **Early career memberships are only \$40** (which we define as anyone who is within 10 years of completing their PhD) and **student memberships have been reduced to only \$10 USD**. Student and EC members can apply for small research grants twice a year, as well as for travel grants to the Annual Meeting where they can compete for presentation awards. Students can also compete for presentation awards at the Annual Meeting. As a result, we have seen a significant increase in student membership—the number has doubled compared with 2022 and has increased >80% since last year! We are hoping to see an equivalent increase in the number of EC members, encouraging applications from countries and regions where students and EC members are relatively underrepresented (FIG. 2).

For those wishing to avoid the hassle of paying dues every year, consider a lifetime membership. In addition, the Society has a mechanism in place to subsidize annual dues for members in low-income countries. Those who reside in countries on the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) list and are eligible for Official Development Assistance (ODA) can now sign up for this rate—prior approval from the Society is no longer required. We also continue to subsidize the registration fee for the Meteoritical Society's Annual Meeting for all membership levels. Please encourage your students to join!

At the 2025 Annual Meeting in Perth, the Society hosted an EC/Student Lunch event and continued our Mentor/Mentee Program to help students and EC members connect and network with more senior members during the meeting. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and these activities will continue in the future. In the upcoming year, we will implement two additional activities to engage with our EC members, including a seminar series targeted at our EC members, and creating a member-only forum on the Society website.

For more information and details on how to become a member of the Meteoritical Society, please see our Society web page at: <https://meteoritical.org/membership/join>.

Queenie Chan, Chair of the Membership Committee

PAUL PELLAS / GRAHAM RYDER AWARD WINNER FOR 2026

We are delighted to announce the selection for the 2026 Pellas-Ryder Award. This award is jointly sponsored by the Meteoritical Society and the Planetary Geology Division of the Geological Society of America and honors outstanding first author planetary science papers by students.

Lucia Bellino, a graduate student at Jackson School of Geosciences, The University of Texas at Austin, USA, is the winner of the 2026 Pellas-Ryder Award for the paper entitled “Volcanic emission of reduced sulfur species shaped the climate of early Mars” published in *Science Advances*. This paper reports new modeling of sulfur cycling in evolving Martian magmatic systems and challenges assumptions of the existing literature. By modeling complex interactions in evolving magmatic systems, the authors demonstrate that sulfur degassing was likely dominated by H_2S and S_2 , as opposed to the previously modeled SO_2 . The paper motivated these new conclusions with observations of Martian lithologies from *Curiosity*. The committee particularly praised the excellent discussion section of the paper, and the thorough assessment of the implications of this new sulfur speciation on the climate of early Mars.



Congratulations to the 2026 winner for this highly deserved honor and for leading this impressive study! We also thank everyone who submitted nomination packages and the Pellas-Ryder Award Committee for their work to make this award possible.

Based on a report submitted by:

Lauren Jozwiak, 2026 Pellas-Ryder Award Committee Chair

METEORITICAL SOCIETY FELLOWS, 2026

We are delighted to announce that the following individuals have been elected to the 2026 class of Meteoritical Society Fellows! Fellow nominations are submitted by members, and the Leonard Medal Committee then reviews those nominations and makes a recommendation to Council for the slate of individuals to be awarded as Fellows. Meteoritical Society Fellows are elected by Council in even-numbered years, and no more than 1% of the membership can be elected for each class. The 2026 Meteoritical Society Fellows are:

- **Pierre Beck** (France) – For his major contributions to the study of mineralogy and spectroscopy studies of carbonaceous chondrites and shock effects in meteorites.

- **James Day** (USA) – For his leading studies combining the petrology and geochemistry of siderophile and volatile element compositions to solve major cosmochemical problems.
- **Matthew Genge** (UK) – For his leading studies of the mineralogy and composition of micrometeorites and establishing Earth's cosmic dust sources.
- **Hiroshi Hidaka** (Japan) – For his studies of the neutron capture effects and cosmic-ray irradiation exposure on the isotopic composition of meteorites and lunar samples.
- **Motoo Ito** (Japan) – For his major contributions in refining isotopic and elemental analyses at the micrometer to sub-micrometer scale of minerals and organic–mineral assemblages in meteorites and returned samples.
- **Martin Lee** (UK) – For his significant contributions to the mineralogy of aqueous alteration and microstructural characterization of carbonaceous chondrites and returned carbonaceous materials.
- **Ming-Chang Liu** (USA) – For his significant contributions to short-lived radionuclide systematics in refractory inclusions and the development of ion probe measurements.
- **Kuljeet Marhas** (India) – For her leading investigations of short-lived radionuclides and isotopic compositions of meteorites and presolar grains using secondary ion mass spectrometry.
- **Susanne Schwenzer** (UK) – For her major contributions to the study of water–rock interaction and noble gases in Martian rocks and at analog sites, and to the Mars exploration programmes.
- **Caroline Smith** (UK) – For her major scientific and curatorial work in planning for Mars sample return missions and her outstanding service to the Society.
- **Tomohiro Usui** (Japan) – For his significant contributions to volatile element history in Martian meteorites and his leadership in sample return missions.
- **Richard Walker** (USA) – For his significant contributions to the study of highly siderophile elements and their isotopic compositions to better understand core formation and planetary formation reservoirs.

The 2026 class of Meteoritical Society Fellows will be recognized and awarded certificates during the award ceremony at the annual Meteoritical Society meeting, which will be held in person in Frankfurt, Germany, from 9–14 August, 2026. Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate deserving colleagues for Fellows, and thank you to the Leonard Medal Committee for their work leading the selection process.

MEETING INFO

2026	August 9–14	Frankfurt, Germany (EU)
2027	July 26–30	Flagstaff, Arizona (USA)
2028	July 30–August 4 (tentative dates)	Antofagasta (Chile)
2029	July 23–July 27 (tentative dates),	Firenze, Italy