



The Clay Minerals Society

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Dear CMS community,

The clay science community gathered at an alpine oasis in a high-desert landscape.

The 63rd annual meeting of the Clay Minerals Society Conference was held on the Brigham Young University (BYU) campus in Provo, Utah, USA, on July 8–10, 2026. The conference welcomed 100 delegates who participated in 14 technical sessions, several social programs, and a field trip supported by faculty members

of the Department of Geological Sciences at BYU. CMS recognized the CMS professional awardees for their outstanding contributions to clay science. See *Elements* issues from June 2026 to know their works. The 2026 Reynolds Cup was highly competitive, with over 90 teams and 124 participants. Congratulations to the BYU organizing team led by Barry Bickmore and long-standing CMS members for orchestrating such a successful conference. We thank Ionic Mineral Technologies, Azomite, and the Department of Geological Sciences at BYU for their sponsorship, which greatly benefited the annual meeting. 2026 CMS annual meeting presenters are invited to submit their manuscript to *Clay and Clay Minerals*, the journal of CMS.

CMS will participate in the CLAY 2027 Conference in Madrid, Spain (June 20–26, 2027), organized by AIPEA and the Spanish Clay Society (details: <https://icc.aipea.org/clay-2027/>). Even though CMS will not be an official co-sponsor of the meeting, the organizers have graciously agreed to allow us to include our plenary speakers as part of the program during the conference. CMS will recognize the Bailey Award, Jackson Mid-Career Award, and Warren Huff Pathway Award. We encourage you to attend!

As always, CMS will offer travel grants to support student attendance. CMS award recipients will present their lectures. Plus, the scenic surroundings of Madrid offer plenty of opportunities for cultural experiences and outdoor activities. We look forward to seeing you at Clay 2027 in Madrid, Spain!

Warm regards,

Yuji Arai
CMS President

13TH ANNUAL REYNOLDS CUP WINNERS

The winners of the 13th annual Reynolds Cup were announced via video by Mark Raven at the CMS Annual Meeting in Provo, Utah, on July 10th. The competition drew 124 registrations from 35 countries, with 108 final entries submitted. Congratulations to all participants! The top five winners are:

- **1st Place (Bias: 70.0)**
The James Hutton Institute (Scotland) – Kyle Adams, Carolyn Hillier, Stephen Hillier, Helen Pendrowski, and Laura-Jane Strachan
- **2nd Place (Bias: 72.2)**
Qmineral (Belgium) – Rieko Adriaens, Gilles Mertens, and Dominique Jacques
- **3rd Place (Bias: 82.4)**
University of British Columbia Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences Electron Microbeam & XRD Facility (Canada) – Cole Mauws, Jenny Lai, Anette von der Handt, Marghalera Amini, Cassidy Harraden, Kelsey Duncan, and Lan Kato
- **4th Place (Bias: 92.6)**
Institute of Geological Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences (Poland) – Arkadiusz Derkowski, Artur Kuligiewicz, and Marek Szczerba
- **5th Place (Bias: 95.2)**
Bavarian Environment Agency (LfU) (Germany) – Markus Peltz, Magdalena Windschieggl-Lang, Lucia Gunter, Ursula Schricker, and Cornelia Teichmann

STUDENT AWARD 2026

Congratulations to our seven Student Research Award winners for 2026: **Anjuman Ara Rajonee**, University of Newcastle, Australia; **Olivia Terry**, Columbia University, USA; **Emily Kracht**, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA; **Taran Bradley**, University of Georgia, USA; **Owen McCaffrey**, The University of Texas at Dallas, USA; **Toluwalase Ogunsunlade**, Pennsylvania State University, USA; and **Dorian Gursky**, Colorado School of Mines, USA. Ms. Rajonee is also the recipient of the Robert J. Reynolds, Jr. Research Award for her top-scoring grant application. Read their bio in the next issues of this newsletter!

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