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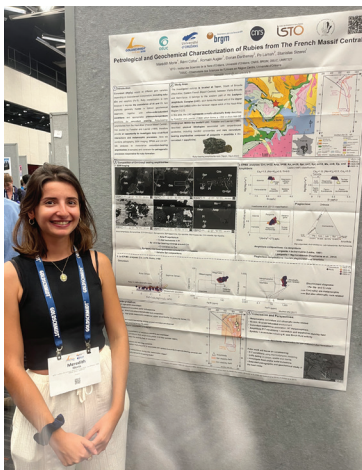
5TH EUROPEAN MINERALOGICAL CONFERENCE IN 2028 – BREST-FRANCE

The SFMC is organising the 5th EMC (European Mineralogical Conference), which will take place in Brest, France, located at the westernmost part of Brittany, from 2 to 7 July 2028. It will be held at the 'Le Quartz' conference centre in Brest. The local organising committee consists of Emilie Bruand, Lorraine Tual, and Gilles Chazot. This committee will soon be joined by an international scientific organising committee, which will include representatives from European mineralogical societies. This 2028 edition will also mark a significant milestone: the 150th anniversary of the SFMC, founded on 21 March 1878 at the initiative of A. Des Cloizeaux, Professor at the Museum of Natural History in Paris.

Although the website is still under construction, you can already visit <https://emc2028.sfmc-fr.org/> and see how you can travel to Brest and join us for the next EMC!

SFMC GOLDSCHMIDT CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP LAUREATES – MONTREAL – 12-17 JULY 2026

Congratulations to **Mérédith Morin** who was awarded a Goldschmidt Conference scholarship to travel to Montreal to present her work, "Petrological and geochemical characterization of rubies from the French Massif Central," a work also co-authored by R. Coltat, R. Augier, D. Darthenay, P. Lahmah, and S. Sizaret. In this study, Mérédith uses corundum in metamorphic rocks from the French Massif Central as an opportunity to investigate deep crust–fluid interactions and metamorphic processes.



Mérédith Morin standing in front of her poster at the Goldschmidt Conference 2026.

Haüy-Lacroix Prize 2026 Laureate

Each year, the French Society of Mineralogy and Crystallography awards the Haüy-Lacroix Prize to a young researcher who has completed their doctoral thesis in one of the research areas of interest to the SFMC: mineralogy, geochemistry, materials science, the study of minerals in their petrological and geological context, crystallography.

The SFMC jury has decided to award the 2026 Haüy-Lacroix Prize to **Robin Hintzen**.

Robin Hintzen's PhD thesis, entitled "Abiotic reactivity of minerals to high concentrations of H₂. Experimentation and modelling applied to deep aquifers," was carried out at the Institute of Earth Sciences (University of Grenoble-Alpes) under the supervision of Laurent Truche and Roland Hellmann, in collaboration with Shell Global Solutions International B.V. This work combines experimental results with geochemical modelling and examines the abiotic mineral reactivity at high hydrogen partial pressures, with a focus on the reductive dissolution of pyrite. These groundbreaking findings will contribute to a better understanding of the interactions between H₂ and sulphide-type minerals found in natural geological reservoirs, particularly in relation to research into the energy transition and hydrogen storage.

SFMC AWARD CEREMONY AT GOLDSCHMIDT 2026

Sylvie Demouchy received the Mid-career Merit Award at the Goldschmidt in Montreal in July 2026 from the president of the SFMC, Nathalie Bolfan-Casanova.



Sylvie Demouchy receiving the Mid-career Merit Award from Nathalie Bolfan-Casanova.

The SFMC would like to express its heartfelt thanks to **Marc Blanchard** for more than 15 years of dedication and service, notably for being the secretary general during this extensive period. In recognition of his outstanding commitment, he received a special distinction from Nathalie Bolfan-Casanova.



Marc Blanchard receiving his Distinction Award from Nathalie Bolfan-Casanova.