



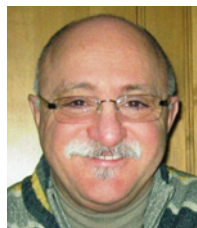
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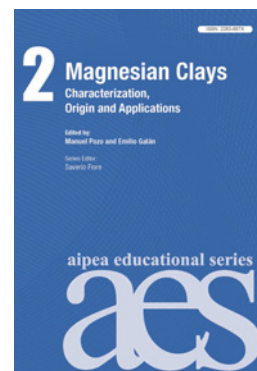


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Announcing the second volume in the AIPEA Educational Series! When the AIPEA General Meeting took place on 11 July 2013, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), I had a dream: to publish a second volume in the AIPEA Educational Series (AES). The first volume had dealt with the interstratified clay minerals. Now, thanks to the hard work of the authors, editors and reviewers, my dream has turned into reality. *Magnesian Clays: Characterization, Origin and Applications* is ready for reading!

The book, edited by Manuel Pozo and Emilio Galán, was prepared in conjunction with the popular second running of the AIPEA School for Young Scientists (ASYS), convened 6–7 July 2013 at the University of Rio de Janeiro, by Manuel Pozo (Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain). Young and not-so-young clay scientists actively participated in ASYS, and there was a “fertile cultural substratum” for discussing knowledge, old and new, on the characterization, origin and applications of magnesian clays.

The seven chapters of the new book follow the didactic course structure of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASYS and is supplemented by an extensive reference list. The chapters are authored by Patricia Aparicio (Spain), José P. Calvo (Spain), Emilio Galán (Spain), Stephen Guggenheim (USA), Manuel Pozo (Spain), Julio Santarén (Spain), and Nicholas J. Tosca (United Kingdom). I am certain that this book will revitalize the scientific and technological interest in such an important group of clay minerals. Chapter 1 deals with the crystal chemistry and structure of Mg-rich clay minerals. Chapter 2 describes various identification and characterization analytical techniques. Chapters 3 and 5 describe the geological occurrences of Mg-clays in sedimentary and nonsedimentary environments. Chapter 4 details the origin and mineralogical aspects of Mg-rich clay minerals. Chapter 6 discusses the geochemical parameters governing Mg-clay formation. And finally, Chapter 7 illustrates the industrial applications of the magnesian clays. I must point out that there are plenty of important questions left unanswered. The interested reader should consider these as an opportunity to continue researching these fascinating minerals.



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