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## NEW DEVELOPMENTS



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It is with great pleasure that we announce the venue and dates for the 28<sup>th</sup> Goldschmidt Conference! After careful investigation of a series of venues on the US eastern seaboard, we chose the John B. Hynes Veterans Convention Center in Boston (MA) on 11–17 August 2018. Boston and the adjacent areas of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire offers not only an extraordinary nexus of outstanding scientific institutions (many of whom will be involved in the conference planning and organization) but also a superb loca-

tion for field trips and social events because of close-by major transportation hubs. The Goldschmidt Conference will continue to focus on building the geochemistry community, with a particular emphasis placed on the group that is the foundation and future of geochemistry—students and early career scientists. Mentoring programs, and other innovations to attract and support our growing and increasingly international community, will also be a cornerstone. In other announcements, we are very pleased to highlight the results of the 2015 election of two new members to the Geochemical Society Board of Directors: Anne Peslier and Yuji Sano



**Anne Peslier** is a scientist with Jacobs Technology at NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston (Texas, USA). She obtained her BS and MS from the Universités de Paris VI and VII (France) and her PhD in 1999 from the Université de Montréal (Canada). After working as a postdoc at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington (DC) and then at Northwestern University near Chicago (Illinois), she became an

electron microprobe manager, first at the University of Houston (2000–2007) and now at NASA. She is an igneous petrologist/geochemist. Her recent research focuses on water in the Earth's mantle, with the aim of understanding craton evolution and mantle geodynamics through time. She also works on the petrology (including volatile distribution) of Martian, Lunar and achondrite meteorites (and rocks) to constrain planetary differentiation and volcanism.



**Yuji Sano** is a professor of marine geochemistry at the Department of Chemical Oceanography, Division of Ocean–Earth Systems, Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute, at the University of Tokyo in Japan. He received his BS (1978), MS (1980) in chemistry, and PhD (1983) in geophysics from the University of Tokyo. He studied the geochemistry of the volatile element isotopes of helium, carbon, and nitrogen in volcanic and

environmental systems as a research associate at the University of Tokyo and as an associate professor in the Department of Earth and Planetary Science, Hiroshima University. After promotion to full professor at Hiroshima University, he introduced a large ion microprobe (SHRIMP) and pioneered the method for U–Pb dating of apatite. After moving to the University of Tokyo in 2001, he established a noble gas laboratory for atmospheric and oceanic research and the NanoSIMS laboratory for paleoceanography and planetary sciences. He was editor-in-chief of the *Geochemical Journal* from 2008 to 2011. He is a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union and received the Seventh National Maritime Award by Prime Minister Abe in 2014.

We welcome Anne and Yuji to the Geochemical Society and look forward to their input and guidance.

**Barbara Sherwood Lollar**, President

## FUTURE GOLDSCHMIDT CONFERENCES

Goldschmidt2015	Prague, Czech Republic	16–21 August
Goldschmidt2016	Yokohama, Japan	26 June – 1 July
Goldschmidt2017	Paris, France	13–18 August
Goldschmidt2018	Boston, MA, USA	12–17 August

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## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 OFFICERS

The Nominations Committee of the Geochemical Society is seeking potential nominees for the positions of vice-president and two directors to begin on 1 January 2016. The potential nominees should have established reputations of leadership in geochemistry and be willing to devote considerable time and effort to the work of the Society. Suggestions should be communicated by 31 July 2015, to any member of the 2016 Nominations Committee or to the GS business office. More information regarding the duties and responsibilities of Board positions can be found on the Geochemical Society website.

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