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EAG-GS OUTREACH PROGRAM REACHES OVER 550 SCIENTISTS IN AFRICA

The European Association of Geochemistry (EAG) and the Geochemical Society (GS) began their joint Outreach Program in 2012. The program's 2014 lecturer, Pierre Deschamps (Centre Européen de Recherche et d'Enseignement des Géosciences, Marseilles, France) gave talks and seminars in 6 universities in Madagascar, Cameroon, Chad, and Niger. Topics included groundwater dating, sea-level variations, and climate change impact on the African continent, which were of great interest to the local scientists. After initial contacts with each university, Pierre prepared each one of his lectures and 3-day seminars to match the needs of local scientists as closely as possible, and he made sure that the questions he addressed were essential to his audience. Each event was very well attended (at times, amphitheatres were overflowing) and the program thereby reached over 550 scientists across all locations.



An attentive audience at the University of Dschang, Cameroon



Some of the students at the University Abdou Moumouni of Niamey, Niger

Pierre reported that it was crucial to build a dynamic with each working group, and the 3-day seminars offered the perfect opportunity for discussions and to answer questions students may not otherwise have asked during crowded lectures. Overall, his experience was very positive, and he felt honored to be so warmly welcomed by each university.



François Chabaux, Outreach Lecturer 2015

The Outreach Program continues in 2015 and early 2016 with François Chabaux (Université de Strasbourg, France) presenting lectures and seminars on weathering. François plans to visit universities in Cameroon and Tunisia. More details can be found at www.eag.eu.com/education/outreach.



Pierre Deschamps (fourth from the right), Outreach Lecturer 2014, and his working group at the University of Yaoundé, Cameroon



... And Daddy would like a new quadropole mass spectrometer!

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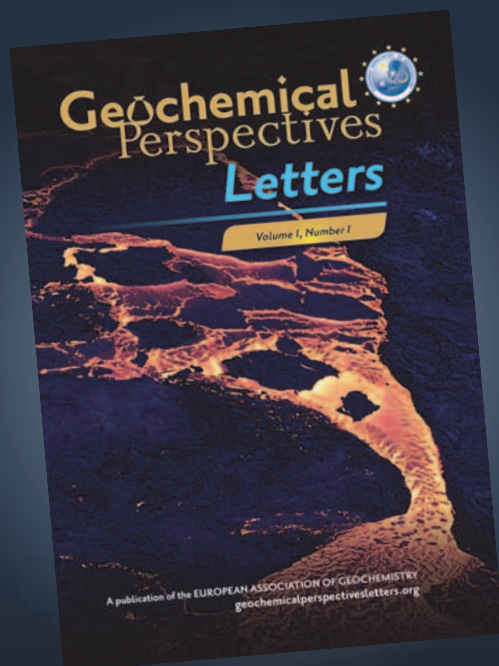


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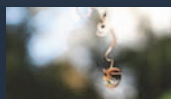
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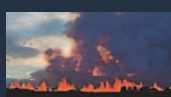
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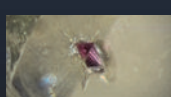
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