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TRANSITION AND GROWTH AT THE GEOCHEMICAL SOCIETY



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The past few years have seen major developments in the evolution of the Geochemical Society (GS). Beginning under the presidency of my predecessor, Rick Carlson, GS expanded its international mandate through an increasingly international membership, Board of Directors, and programs. We have continued that trend over the past two years with formal working agreements and joint activities now in place with not only our traditional partners in the European Association of Geochemistry (EAG) and the Meteoritical Society but also through exciting new partnerships with

the Geochemical Society of Japan, the American Geosciences Institute and other sister societies. We have worked hard to solidify and enhance our major partnership with EAG in the organization of the Goldschmidt conferences, and we have formalized publication activities through our flagship peer-reviewed journal *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, as well as *Elements* and other initiatives such as the *Geochemical Newsletter*.

The past two years have seen major changes inside GS as well. We have rung in a new era in society operations with a new location in Washington, DC (USA), and new leadership from the society office through our Chief Operating Officer, Kevin Johnson, and Membership Services Coordinator, M. A. O'Donnell. These changes have significantly increased GS visibility, member support, and support for the activities of our member committees and our fellowship and award committees. Most significantly, the new platform and personnel will provide enhanced support for the huge number of dedicated volunteers who step forward to participate in Goldschmidt organization and other society activities.

If I were to select the one achievement of which I am most proud, however, it is the renewed mandate and focus on the growth of our student membership and early career researchers. Our society takes very seriously our mission to lead in the building of a broad, deep, and diverse community, and one that emphasizes the group that is the foundation and future of geochemistry: students and early career scientists. Through Goldschmidt and other venues, GS has put significant energy into supporting, mentoring, and listening to those who will be our future GS leaders. I know that Laurie Reisberg, your new president for 2016–2017, is focused on even more activity and commitment in this important aspect of the society's future.

Barbara Sherwood Lollar, President

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Membership in the GS is a great way to stay in touch with the international geochemistry community. All members receive benefits, including:

- Annual subscription to *Elements*, including online access to past issues
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- Special member rates for a variety of other publications

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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The Geochemical Society thrives thanks to the efforts of many dedicated volunteers. Our sincere gratitude goes to the following GS members whose board and committee terms are finishing in 2015.

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Please consider making a donation with your membership. Donations are tax deductible where applicable. Remember to indicate how you would like your donation to be used. And finally, word of mouth is a valuable part of our membership growth. If you know of a peer or student who isn't a member, please encourage them to join.

GOLDSCHMIDT 2016: DID YOU KNOW?

The Goldschmidt conference is the premiere international meeting of the geochemistry community, bringing together thousands of scientists each year. Whether you are new to the Goldschmidt conference or have attended before, here are a few things you may not know about the 2016 conference in Yokohama, Japan:

It's More Affordable Than You May Think: Although Japan has a reputation for being expensive, the hotels in Yokohama are competitively priced compared to other major cities and highly affordable for delegates from North America and Europe. Single rooms in standard 3-star hotels start at around USD \$75. Safe and clean economy hotels and hostels are available for even less.

There are Excellent Transportation Options: Yokohama is a well-connected city with cheap, fast, and trustworthy public transport including an excellent train network. Many hotels are in walking distance of the convention center and others are a short ride away. Yokohama is accessible from both Haneda and Narita International Airports, which offer connections to major cities all over the world.

Students Are a Central Part of the Meeting: Students are not just observers at Goldschmidt; they are active participants, and their role is becoming increasingly important each year. In addition to continuing the highly successful mentoring and "Meet the Plenary" programs introduced during the preceding two conferences, as well as traditional favorites such as the student poster award, the Yokohama meeting will feature workshops and short courses aimed specifically at students on the Sunday before the meeting. Funding opportunities will also be available to support student attendance, so be sure to visit the conference website to learn about them.

Details about abstract submission, travel, student programs, field trips being planned around Japan, and more are available at goldschmidt.info/2016.

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