PROCEEDINGS OF THE
FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
OF CANADA

The 41st annual meeting of the Mineralogical Association of Canada was held with the annual meeting of the Geological Association of Canada, as the Joint Annual Meeting WINNIPEG'96, May 27–29, 1996. The meeting convened on the campus of the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, hosted by the Department of Geological Sciences (University of Manitoba) and Manitoba Energy and Mines. MAC thanks the Chairman, George Clark, and Vice-Chairman Frank Hawthorne, both from the University of Manitoba, and Committee chairpersons from the Department of Geological Sciences, the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, Manitoba Energy and Mines, and Falconbridge Limited for all their efforts in organizing a successful and enjoyable meeting in the beautiful setting of the University campus on the shore of the winding Red River. The technical program of six Symposia, thirteen Special Sessions, and oral and poster General Sessions included the special Symposium organized by the Canadian Geoscience Council on “The Geosciences in Canada: Future Directions and Policies”. The Mineralogical Association of Canada sponsored one Symposium on the “Mineralogy and Geochemistry of Granite Pegmatites”, honoring the impact of Petr Černý and Eugene E. Foord on granitic-pegmatite-related research, and a Special Session on “Gold in the 21st Century”. The MAC short course entitled “Undersaturated Alkaline Rocks: Mineralogy, Petrogenesis, and Economic Potential” was organized by Roger Mitchell, Lakehead University. This Short Course Volume, Number 24 in the series, is available by order from the Business Office.

The annual luncheon and award presentations of the Mineralogical Association of Canada were held on Tuesday, May 28, in Pembina Hall. Terry Hogan, Vice President of Research, University of Manitoba, extended a warm welcome to MAC on behalf of the University. The Hawley Award for 1996, for the best paper in Volume 33 of The Canadian Mineralogist, was presented by Association President Roger Mitchell to co-authors David S. O’Hanley and Fred J. Wicks for their paper “Conditions of formation of lizardite, chrysotile, and antigorite, Cassiar, British Columbia” (Volume 33, Part 4, pages 753-773, 1995). The Leonard G. Berry Medal for distinguished service to the Association was awarded to Sol Kaiman, a charter member of the Association and Secretary during its formative years. The citation was presented by Vice-President Jim Nicholls. The Past Presidents’ Medal for excellence in research was awarded by Past-President Fred J. Wicks to Tom Krogh, Royal Ontario Museum, for outstanding research in isotope geochemistry and geochronology. The award was accepted by Don Davis, R.O.M. Citations for these medalists are found in this Volume of The Canadian Mineralogist. The annual Ann Sabina Award for the best amateur mineral collection had been awarded in April to Phil Watford and Adam Gartner of the Brampton Rock and Mineral Club. The Annual Business Meeting of the Mineralogical Association of Canada was held on Tuesday May 28, at the University Centre, University of Manitoba. The proceedings of the previous annual meeting held in Victoria, B.C., in May of 1995, were approved as published in the December 1995 issue of The Canadian Mineralogist. The MAC Council met on May 26, 1996, prior to the Annual Business meeting. Nominations to Council for 1997 are published in the Newsletter. The audited financial statement to year end December 31, 1995, prepared by R. Stuart Haslett, accountant with Chartrand, Lanthier, Lemieux, Schnob Chartered Accountants, lists members’ equity at $442,507.00. The Treasury Reserve Fund balance of $451,585.00 accommodates printing of six issues per year. Council will be investigating the utilization of part of this reserve fund to promote the charitable objectives of the Association. The fee structure of 1997 has been set at $85 for Ordinary membership, $30 for Student and Retired, $310 for Corporate and Institutional subscriptions. A new monograph series will be established, with publication of the first book in the series, on the etymology of mineral names. During the sabbatical leave of Editor Robert Martin, Wallace MacLean will assist with the processing of manuscripts and reviews. A Short Course on “Advances in Ore and Environmental Mineralogy” is in preparation by Louis Cabri, for publication and presentation at the IMA, Toronto, 1998. The final three posters in the “Beautiful Minerals”, with new postcards and card sets, are now available from the business office. These products can be seen on the Mineralogical Association of Canada Home Page http://www.umanitoba.ca/geosci/CANMIN/canmin.html.
The Association sponsors a Distinguished Lecture Tour to universities across the country, and sponsors grants to university Geological Conferences. Nominations are accepted from each Department of Geology for student prizes in mineralogy. For more information on these programs, please contact the Secretary. The next Joint Annual meeting of GAC and MAC, with Council and Business meetings of the Association, will be held in Ottawa, May 19–21, 1997, at the Congress Centre, Ottawa, Ontario. The first notice of the Quebec'98 meeting will be available at that time. Future meetings are planned for Sudbury'99 and Calgary'2000.

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