

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

The forty-second annual meeting of the Mineralogical Association of Canada was held in conjunction with the Fiftieth Anniversary meeting of the Geological Association of Canada, as the joint annual meeting OTTAWA'97. The meeting convened in Ottawa, Ontario, in recognition of the inaugural meeting of GAC held there. Hosted by the Geological Survey of Canada, Department of Natural Resources, the meeting was held at the Ottawa Congress Centre in downtown Ottawa, May 19 to 21, 1997. The Chairman, Dr. Charles H. Smith, and Vice-Chair Gina LeCheminant, on behalf of both GAC and MAC, thanked the committee chairpersons and all volunteers who organized this very successful meeting. MAC formally extended a "Happy Anniversary" salutation to GAC, and presented a mineral specimen on behalf of all MAC members.

The scientific program featured the introduction of a plenary session presenting exciting new research in global earth atmosphere and ocean science, general sessions in poster format, eight Symposia, and eighteen Special Sessions. These included the MAC-sponsored session on "Mineral-Scale Processes in Metamorphic Petrology", a special session and field trip organized by T. Rivers, D. Lentz and D. Pattison to recognize the lifetime contributions of Ralph Kretz of the University of Ottawa, and the special session that complemented the MAC Short Course 25, "Biological-Mineralogical Interactions", organized by Julie M. McIntosh and Lee A. Groat of the University of British Columbia, who also edited the Short-Course Volume. Volume 25 is available by order from the MAC Business Office.

The annual luncheon and award presentations of the Mineralogical Association of Canada were held on Tuesday, May 20, in the Colonel By Lounge of the Ottawa Congress Centre. The Hawley Award for 1997, for the best paper in Volume 34 of *The Canadian Mineralogist*, was presented by Association President Roger Mitchell to Peter C. Burns, Mark L. Miller and Rodney C. Ewing for their paper "U<sup>6+</sup> minerals and inorganic phases: a comparison and hierarchy of crystal structures" (Volume 34, Part 4, p. 845-880). The Leonard G. Berry Medal for distinguished service to the Association was awarded to J. Murray Duke, Secretary 1978-1983, member of the Executive Council 1986-1992 and President of the Association 1988-1989. 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 Michael Fleet. Citations for these awards are found in this Volume of *The Canadian Mineralogist*. The annual Ann Sabina Award for the best amateur mineral collection had been awarded in the Spring to Andy Haighton and Nik Tkachuk.

The Annual Business Meeting of the Mineralogical Association of Canada was held on Tuesday May 20, 1997, at the Ottawa Congress Centre. Proceedings of the forty-first annual meeting are found in *The Canadian Mineralogist*, Volume 34, pages 1341-1342 (1996). The MAC Council met prior to the annual meeting, on Sunday May 18, 1997, at the Ottawa Congress Centre. Nominations to council for 1998, and the audited financial statement to year end December 31, 1996, were published in the Fall 1997 Newsletter. The audited statement, prepared by R. Stuart Haslett, accountant with Chartrand, Lanthier, Lemieux, Schnob Chartered Accountants, lists members' equity at \$503,365.00. Owing to the change in location of the Treasurer, Crosson Voyer, Chartered Accountants, of Vancouver, B.C., were appointed auditors for 1997. There is no fee increase for membership dues for 1997.

MAC has established a new "Young Scientists Award" for significant research contributions in a promising start to a scientific career. Criteria for nominations are being developed. The Bylaw establishing the new Mineralogical Association of Canada Foundation has been approved. The Foundation will operate with a board of directors that includes the MAC executive and Council. The new board will establish the criteria for awarding of grants for scholarship and research that will be awarded as part of the charitable operations of MAC. For more information on the Foundation and MAC awards, please contact the Past President.

In addition to the journal, MAC has ventured into special publications; the first of these, the *Encyclopedia of Mineral Names* by W.H. Blackburn and W.H. Dennen, was released at OTTAWA'97. The Association is collaborating with the Folch Foundation and University of Barcelona Press on the English edition of *The Atlas of Rock-Forming Minerals in Thin Section*, coordinated by Joan Carles Melgarejo. Other projects in this series include *Glossary of Mineral Synonyms* by Jeffret de Fourestier, and *Atlas of Micromorphology of*

*Mineral Alterations and Weathering* by Jean E. Delvigne. Some or all of these will be available in time for the International Mineralogical Association meeting in 1998. MAC is pleased to sponsor this upcoming IMA meeting, August 9-14, 1998, in Toronto, Ontario.

The next Joint Annual meeting of GAC and MAC, with Council and Business meetings of the Association, will be held in the city of Québec, Québec, May 18-20,

1998. Minutes of Council are available from the Secretary. The Internet address for the MAC web page has been modified to <<http://www.umanitoba.ca/geoscience/mac/>> .

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