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Schmiederite: comments on the name

A RECENT study of the derivation of mineral names (Mitchell, 1979) has shown that the spelling 'schmeiderite' (Hey, 1963; Fleischer, 1964, 1975; Strunz, 1970; Povarennykh, 1972) is incorrect, and should be schmiederite. The name was given in honour of Oskar Schmieder (1891–), an eminent German geographer. Juan A. Olsacher (1903–64), the Argentine mineralogist, provisionally named the mineral, a selenate of Pb and Cu from the Condor mine, La Rioja, Argentina, for Schmieder who was for some time a professor and director of the Museo de Mineralogía y Geología, Universidad Nacional, at Córdoba. Unfortunately full data on the mineral have never been published. A recent examination of a label which Olsacher made to accompany some of his specimens verifies the schmiederite spelling. Also in his autobiography Schmieder (1972) makes the following comment: 'In Kiel hat er [Olsacher] mich noch mehrfach besucht und aus Dankbarkeit ein von ihm entdecktes neues Mineral Schmiederit benannt.'

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Nukundamite, a new mineral, and idaite—a correction

IT has been pointed out by H. R. Steacy (Geological Survey of Canada, 601 Booth Street, Ottawa) and S. Kaiman (Canada Centre for Mineral and Energy Technology, 555 Booth Street, Ottawa) that the locality named in the above paper (Rice *et al.*, 1979) as Tarvis township does not exist. According to them there seems little doubt that the correct locality name is Jarvis township in the Algoma district of Ontario. The error first appeared in Frenzel (1959).

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