

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Mineralogical Association of Canada was held on May 14–16, 1984 at the Holiday Inn, London, Ontario, in conjunction with the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Geological Association of Canada.

The tenth MAC short course preceded the meeting. The course was organized by M.E. Fleet and W.S. Fyfe and dealt with the topic "Environmental Geochemistry". The Association sponsored a symposium on "Geochemistry of Mineral Deposits" organized by R. Kerrich and M.E. Fleet and also sponsored or cosponsored special sessions on "Crystal and Surface Chemistry of Minerals" organized by G.M. Bancroft, "Paleoatmospheres and Paleooceans: Theoretical and Economic Aspects" organized by J. Veizer, and "The Cyprus Drilling Project: Ophiolites" organized by J.M. Hall and P.T. Robinson.

The MAC Annual Luncheon was held on May 15 in the Commonwealth Ballroom at the Holiday Inn. The Past Presidents' Medal was presented to Petr Černý of the University of Manitoba in recognition of his significant contributions to mineralogy and igneous petrology. The Hawley Award for 1984 was presented to F.C. Hawthorne of the University of Manitoba for his paper entitled "The crystal chemistry of the amphiboles", which was judged to be the best paper published in Volume 21 of *The Canadian Mineralogist*. The presidential Address was delivered immediately prior to the Annual Luncheon by A.J. Naldrett. His presentation was entitled "Formation of Merensky Reef-type Pt deposits: new evidence from the Bushveld Complex".

The Annual Business Meeting of the Mineralogical Association of Canada was held on May 15 at 17:30 hrs in the Poolside Lounge, Holiday Inn, with 24 members in attendance. Association President L.J. Cabri opened the meeting by thanking the organizing committee of the London meeting for its very successful efforts on behalf of the sponsoring societies. In particular, he thanked M.E. Fleet, vice-chairman of the meeting and co-organizer of the MAC short course. A.P. Sabina presented the Treasurer's Report and referred to the audited financial statements for the 1983 fiscal year. The consolidated

non-inventory assets of the Mineralogical Association of Canada amounted to \$228,754 at the end of 1983, compared with \$227,972 a year earlier. A motion from the Executive Committee to increase the Association's dues for Ordinary Members from \$15 to \$20 was carried unanimously. The Executive Committee has also raised the Student Membership fees from \$7.50 to \$10 and Corporate Membership from \$35 to \$50. These increases are the first since 1978 and are necessitated largely by increasing costs of publication and distribution of *The Canadian Mineralogist*. D.C. Harris reported on behalf of the Membership Committee that total membership as of May, 1984 was 1895, consisting of Ordinary Members (881), Life Members (41), Student Members (331), Corporate Members (614) and Sustaining Members (31). A new abstract form, to be initiated at the 1985 Annual Meeting, will better reflect the broad interest of the Association by introducing separate categories for Applied Mineralogy, Crystallography and Crystal Chemistry, and Mineralogy. R.F. Martin presented the Editor's Report and indicated a satisfactory rate of manuscript submissions and a predominance of regular as opposed to special issues over the next two years. He stressed that *The Canadian Mineralogist* is well known in the fields of mineralogy and crystallography and is trying to expand in the areas of ore deposit geology, igneous and metamorphic petrology, and geochemistry. W.H. van de Poll, General Chairman of the 1985 GAC-MAC Joint Annual Meeting in Fredericton, presented a report on the organization and content of that meeting, which will be preceded by a MAC short course on applications of electron microscopy in the earth sciences, organized by J.C. White. The 1986 annual meeting will be held in Ottawa at Carleton University, where the Association will sponsor a short course on silicate melts. Future annual meetings will be held in Saskatoon in 1987, St. John's in 1988, and Montreal in 1989. The minutes of the annual business meeting may be obtained from the secretary.

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Secretary