

The Lattice

MSA OFFERS SHORT COURSE ON TRANSFORMATION PROCESSES IN MINERALS

The Mineralogical Society of America is expanding its short course venue to Cambridge, United Kingdom on September 1-2, 2000. The short course, entitled "Transformation Processes in Minerals", will be held in the Department of Earth Sciences, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom. The co-conveners of the short course are Simon Redfern, Michael Carpenter and Ekhard Salje. The short course, set to precede the Goldschmidt 2000 meeting in Oxford, covers some of the most important and timely information on mineral transformations.

Minerals commonly respond to changes in pressure and temperature through phase transformations, thereby extending the limits of their stability. Understanding such transformations is crucial to appreciating the controls on mineral stability as well as to effectively interpreting the history locked up in their ordering patterns and microstructures. Techniques of experimental observation and methods of theoretical analysis of time-temperature-pressure transformation processes in minerals have now reached a state of maturity, following intensive research in these areas over the last decade or so. This short course reviews the advances in both the experimental observation of transformation processes as well as the

theory and computational study of these processes. The essential focus of the course relates to the mechanisms and kinetics of structural changes in Earth materials. Starting from a solid knowledge of bulk properties of minerals and model substances (including the consequent thermodynamic stabilities) the course will concentrate on the atomic-scale mechanisms and dynamic aspects of processes in mineral end members and binary solid solutions. The implications for the development of microstructure will be addressed, and the controls imposed by elastic properties and structural topology will be discussed. The bearing of these on the response of minerals to changing temperature, pressure and chemical composition will then be outlined, with the application of experimental methods forming a further significant component of the course. The lectures, however, also extend away from the discussion of simple polymorphic transitions to aspects of amorphisation and glass transformations. This short course will provide a lively forum for cross-discipline discussion of these topics.

For additional information and registration forms for this short course, see pages 10-12 of this issue of *The Lattice*.

2000 Nominees for MSA Office

The following is the slate of officer nominees for the Council year 2001:

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Notes from Washington

- Renewal Notices for 2000 were sent to members and subscribers in November 1999. If you did not receive yours, please contact the Business Office. If you did, and have not yet returned it, please renew as soon as possible to save your Society the expense of a second renewal notice. In mid-January we experimented with sending renewal reminders by e-mail to those who had not yet renewed. Aside from the typical assortment of unanticipated problems in doing something new, we discovered that about a fifth of those members had never given MSA an e-mail address and another fifth had e-mail addresses that were no longer valid. When you renew, please check to make sure your e-mail address on your renewal form is correct. You can also check to see what e-mail address we have for you in the online MSA membership Directory and, if incorrect, you can send us an update online. MSA would like to take better advantage of electronic communications with its members but cannot do so if a third or more of its members cannot be reached that way.

- It has come to MSA's attention that in a few instances MSA members have been turning over their current journal issues to their institution's libraries. As a result the institutional library sees no need to subscribe itself. Please remember that MSA members are entitled to reduced subscription rates to *American Mineralogist*, *Journal of Petrology*, *Mineralogical Abstracts*, and *Physics and Chemistry of Minerals*, etc. with the understanding that the journals are for their personal use only – at least for an appropriate length of time. You will likely hear more about this after the Spring MSA Council meeting, but suffice to say that MSA cannot publish *American Mineralogist* if every subscriber pays only the reduced member rate of \$30.

- There have been some staff changes in the MSA Editorial Office. Paula Welsh left us on 1/10/2000 to work in the graphics department of University of Maryland. She has agreed to help out during peak periods. We wish her well and appreciate her assisting MSA in making the transition to desktop publishing. Lisa M. Koch, who was the part-time editorial assistant, is now the *American Mineralogist* Production Editor.

- Reviews in Mineralogy volume 23, *Mineral-water Interface Geochemistry*, has been reprinted. Originally this volume was to be replaced by a monograph, but the authors have been delayed and it was thought wise to have this widely used volume still available until the new monograph is printed. Errata for Reviews in Mineralogy

volume 38, *Uranium: mineralogy, geochemistry, and the environment*, are available at the MSA website in the *Reviews in Mineralogy* section. Our hope is to place all future errata for MSA publications on the website so that readers can be assured of having ready access to any known errors.

- Speaking of the MSA website, much of its usefulness is returning. The online MSA membership Directory has returned as well as an online form so that members can update their contact information. By time you read this, online ordering of MSA publications by a secure server will be available and plans are to extend this online commerce to membership application and renewals, as well as short course registrations. Traditional methods of ordering and paying for memberships, publications, and short courses will continue to be available for those who have less than full confidence in electronic commerce.

If you have not done so already, you might consider joining the MSA-Talk List. The MSA-Talk list is a forum created for members of MSA to discuss topics of interest in the general areas of mineralogy, petrology, and crystallography. 269 members have joined thus far. There have been a number of interesting discussions over the years, and a few announcements. Do not miss out, join by visiting the MSA-Talk list section of the MSA website. If you are concerned about receiving too much e-mail, you can unsubscribe at any time.

- Member mailings are sometimes returned to the Business Office with the notation that the recipient is 'temporarily away'. We have learned that this marking is a result of a member requesting that their mail be held or forwarded. Periodical or Bulk mail need not be held or forwarded by the US Postal Service. It is returned to us, or disappears. If you have had your mail held or forwarded by the US Postal Service, you may wish to check if you received all of your mailings. You may also want to rethink how your MSA mail is to be handled when you travel.

- The Business Office often receives comments about nominees for MSA awards and offices after the fact. The opportunity for having a voice in these many decisions is now. Elsewhere in this issue is the list of 2000 Committee Chairs to contact regarding MSA Award and Office Nominations for 2001. More recent and detailed information and instructions are also available on the MSA website. If you have suggestions, pass them on to the appropriate committee chair. Concrete suggestions from members make the committee's work easier. In

some instances it is as simple as passing on a name. Award suggestions require a bit more work, in that written nominations are required. I often hear the comment that MSA ought to consider so-and-so for a certain award. However, the person making the suggestion is too busy to make the recommendation themselves and believes someone else should. Seldom is that someone else identified. To make sure someone you believe is deserving of an award is considered, make the nomination yourself.

J. Alex Speer, MSA Administrator

MSA Reception at Spring AGU meeting set for the Smithsonian

MSA will hold a reception on May 31, 2000 in the recently renovated Hall of Geology, Gems and Minerals at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. All members are invited to take advantage of this unique opportunity. Additional information will be forthcoming on the MSA website.

Members in the News

Larry Grossman, University of Chicago, was inducted as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in November 1998.

In Memoriam

We regret to announce the passing of the following MSA members. The Society extends its condolences to the family and friends of these scientists.

Howard T. Evans, Life Fellow, 1941

William T. Holser, Life Fellow, 1946

Arthur Montgomery, Life Member, 1928

Proceedings of 6th International Kimberlite Conference Available from MSA

The Proceedings of the Sixth International Kimberlite Conference (6ikc) are published as Volume 38 (1997), issues 1 & 2 of *Russian Geology and Geophysics*. These are available from Allerton Press, Inc., 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10011 for US\$95.00. The Proceedings of the Fifth International Kimberlite Conference (5ikc) are available from MSA. MSA co-sponsored both the 6ikc held in Novosibirsk, Russia (1995) and the 5ikc held in Brazil (1991).



The *Lattice* is published quarterly (February, May, August, November) by the Mineralogical Society of America. It is distributed to MSA members as a service. Articles and letters are welcome.

The Mineralogical Society of America is composed of individuals interested in mineralogy, crystallography, and petrology. Founded in 1919, the Society promotes, through education and research, the understanding and application of mineralogy by industry, universities, government and the public.

Membership benefits include: *American Mineralogist*, published bi-monthly; 25% discount on volumes in the *Reviews in Mineralogy* series; *The Lattice*; special subscription rates for *Mineralogical Abstracts*, *Physics and Chemistry of Minerals*, *Journal of Petrology*, and *Journal of Metamorphic Geology*; reduced registration fees at MSA short courses; member rates for the MSA/Geological Society of America annual meeting and member rates at MSA's spring meeting with the American Geophysical Union; participation in a Society that supports the many facets of mineralogy.

Dues for 2000 are \$80 for professional members who elect to receive *American Mineralogist* and \$50 for those who elect not to receive the journal, but who do receive all other membership benefits; membership is \$30 for students. Membership is on a calendar year basis. Individuals who join after January 1, 2000 will be sent all back issues of volume 85, 2000.

For additional membership information and an application, and/or to receive a price list of the Society's publications, contact the Business Office.

Institutions may subscribe to the 2000 volume of *American Mineralogist* for the annual rate of \$430 in the US and \$440 for non-US addresses. The subscription price includes any new volumes of the *Reviews in Mineralogy* series published during the calendar year of the subscription. Payment must be received in full before a subscription will be started.

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MEMBERS NOMINATE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS IN MINERALOGY FOR SOCIETY'S UNDERGRADUATE AWARD

MSA members have taken advantage of the Society's American Mineralogist Undergraduate (AMU) Award program to recognize outstanding students who have shown an interest and ability in the discipline of mineralogy. Each student was cited by his or her department for outstanding achievement in mineralogy-related courses. The AMU Awards allow MSA to join with the individual faculty to formally recognize outstanding students. Each student is presented a certificate at an awards ceremony at his or her university or college. In addition, each recipient receives a *Reviews in Mineralogy* or *Monograph* volume chosen by the sponsor, student, or both. Past AMU awardees are listed on the MSA website.

Deadlines for nominating students are January 1 and July 1 of each year. Mark these dates on your calendars and let us know about your exceptional student. If you are interested in presenting the award at a particular

ceremony, please remember that time is required to produce certificates and have letters signed. To nominate a student, send a letter on departmental letterhead to Dr. J. Alexander Speer, MSA Business Office, 1015 Eighteenth St. NW Ste 601, Washington, DC 20036-5274. With the nomination, please include the student's full name that would be suitable for the certificate, a mailing address for the student that will be current at the time the award is made, year in school, the MSA sponsor's name, **the choice of *Reviews in Mineralogy* or *Monograph***, and the date and brief description of the award ceremony at which the certificate will be presented. The letter must be signed or co-signed by the department chair.

The Society welcomes the following exceptional students to the program's honor roll and wishes to thank the sponsors for enabling MSA to recognize these outstanding individuals.

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Survey of Graduate School Experiences

The National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS) recently received a grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to conduct a survey of doctoral students on their graduate school experiences. The survey can be completed on the Web <<http://survey.nagps.org/>> by current and recent doctoral students from January - May 2000, and the results made publicly available on the Web on a department specific basis in September.

The survey is unique in at least two important ways: it collects information on a department-specific basis, not only averaged over entire institutions or disciplines (though discipline-level results will also be available). So it will be possible to look at, for instance, responses from individual geology Ph.D. programs, or to rank history departments based on faculty mentoring. The survey is based upon best

practices and covers issues in a number of areas, including information for prospective students, curriculum breadth and flexibility, career guidance and placement services, faculty mentoring, time to degree, department climate, teaching, professionalism, overall satisfaction.

NAGPS represents nearly 900,000 graduate and professional students on 150 member campuses and is dedicated to improving the quality of graduate and professional student life and education by actively promoting the interests and welfare of graduate- and professional-degree-seeking students. For more information contact Ad Fagen, Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty-Student Relations, National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS), e-mail: afagen@fas.harvard.edu.

MSA-sponsored Symposium on Advances in Mineral Structure Analysis at AGU

The Mineral Structures Interest Group of MSA is sponsoring a symposium at the Spring AGU in Washington, DC entitled "Advances in Mineral Structure Analysis." We hope to highlight some of the most exciting techniques and observations that have emerged over the past decade, and we encourage papers from a broad range of research areas involving minerals and mineral-related materials. Examples would include powder and single-crystal diffraction (at all temperatures and pressures), surface crystal structures and reactions, spectroscopy, phase transitions, electron microscopy, structure modeling, etc. This session will complement two other MSA-sponsored symposia: "Mineral Physics and Chemistry: A Symposium in Honor of William A. Bassett," organized by Dave Mao & Russ Hemley; and "Mineral Surface Chemistry and the Origin of Life," organized by Joakim Bebie & Timothy Filley.

We also are planning other activities to celebrate mineralogy at the beginning of the millennium. We hope to hold a one-day workshop at the Carnegie Geophysical Laboratory to provide a hands-on introduction to Rietveld analysis of powder diffraction data, from sample preparation to structure analysis. In addition, Jeff Post is working with the Smithsonian administration to arrange an evening reception in the National Museum of Natural History. More information about these activities will be forthcoming as our plans develop.

We hope to see a large contingent of MSA members in Washington this spring. If you have questions, please contact Jeff Post, Peter Heaney, or Charlie Prewitt. Abstracts are due March 2 by regular mail and March 9 by electronic submission.

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The following individuals reach 50 or 25 years of continuous membership in the Society during 2000. Their long support of the Society is appreciated and is recognized by this list and by 25- or 50-year pins mailed in early January. If you should be on this list and are not, or have not received your pin, please contact the Business Office.

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All About Figures

By Rachel A. Russell, American Mineral Managing Editor

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with a higher-quality, better-looking journal. This is a call for perfection!

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My next plea is for a plain "helvetica" sans-serif type font, except that symbols such as alphas such be in the symbol font. It is very frustrating when 8 figures are in helvetica and 4 are in times and 1 is in (horrors!) courier. Please try to discuss fonts with all co-authors who are creating art and at the absolute minimum use the same font for all artwork. You want the reader to concentrate on the message, not to get distracted by changing fonts.

But attention to details goes even further: center the labels, capitalize the first letter of the first word, put the units into parentheses (not into brackets), and keep a space between words and between symbols. For example, Temperature (K), would mean Temperature is in Kelvins. Or it could be *T* (K), where the *T* is italicized because it always is for temperature. Again note the space between the letter and the parentheses. This sort of detail is what creates professional, quality artwork.

All variables should be italicized! The text on the figures should conform to *American Mineralogist* style for variables, numbers, and units. For example, *T* for temperature should be italicized; as well as *P* for pressure. The text on the figure must be consistent with the text in the article. Place extensive descriptive text in the caption, not in the figure.

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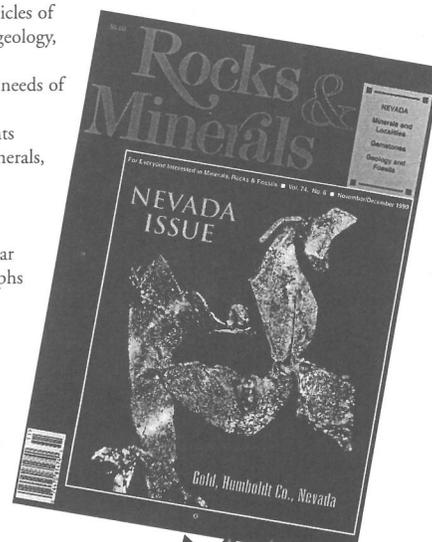
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MSA Award and Office and Nominations

Member participation is essential to the formation and continuation of MSA programs. Involvement can take several forms: nominate a candidate for an award, volunteer to serve on a committee next year, or offer your name or that of a colleague as a possible candidate for office. It is through the involvement of individual members that the Society's programs develop to meet the

needs of its members. Please take a minute to read the brief committee descriptions below and consider getting involved. More information about each award and the list of 2000 MSA Committee members are available at the MSA website at www.minsocam.org. Contact the appropriate Committee Chair with your recommendations.

Award/Office	Deadline	Committee Chair
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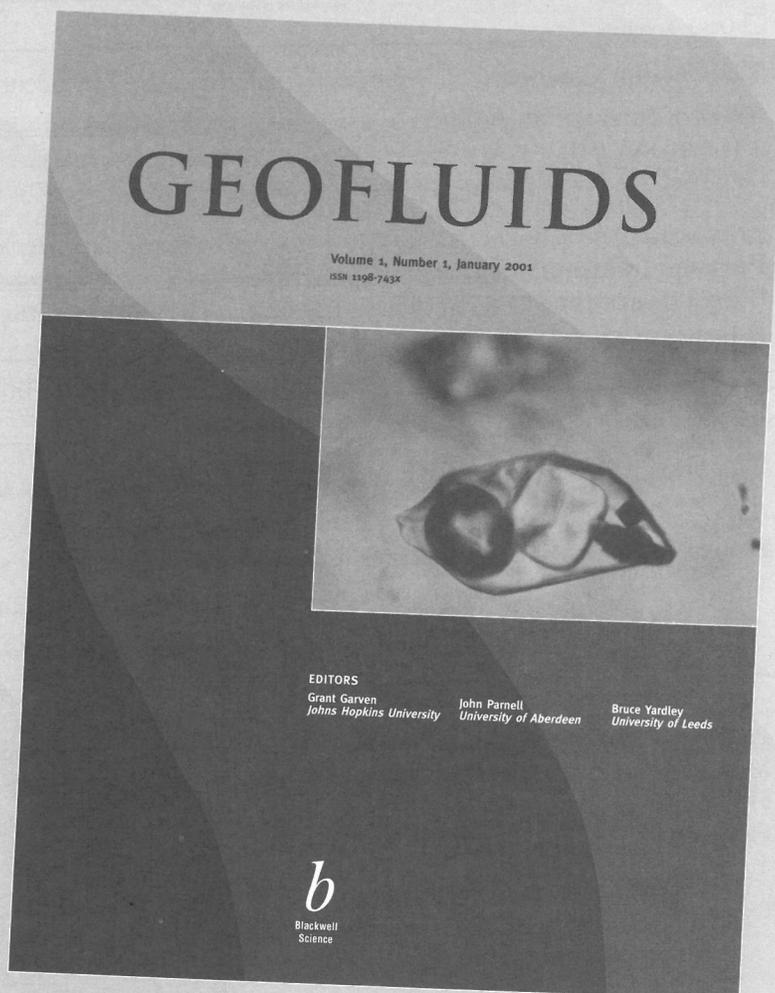
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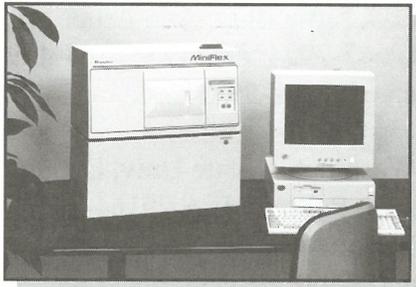
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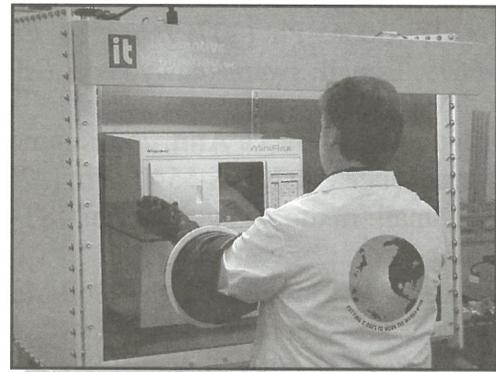
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