

## NOTICES

### International Mineralogical Association, IMA

The Ninth General Meeting is to be held at the invitation of the German Mineralogical Society (Deutsche Mineralogische Gesellschaft, DMG) in Berlin-West and Regensburg, FRG, in September 1974.

Scientific sessions will be held in Berlin from September 12 to 14 and in Regensburg on September 17 and 18. Regensburg sessions will be in conjunction with the 52nd Annual Meeting of the German Mineralogical Society (DMG).

#### *Themes of the sessions*

1. Pegmatites and Pegmatite Minerals
2. Fluid Inclusions in Crystals
3. Secondary Minerals in Ore Deposits
4. Gem Minerals and Gemology
5. Mineral Genesis and Crystal Growth

The IMA Commissions are invited to arrange their Commission Meetings in connection with a symposium. There

will also be a symposium on "Thermodynamics in Experimental Petrology" sponsored by the Commission on Experimental Petrology of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS).

#### *Excursions*

There will be two groups of excursions:

- Group A. During the travel from Berlin to Regensburg;
- Group B. After the Regensburg sessions.

#### *Write to:*

Correspondence concerning the IMA Meeting '74 should be addressed to the Secretary,  
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### New Polymers From Silicate Minerals

*London, 10th December 1973*

A symposium of interest to mineralogists as well as polymer and materials scientists, sponsored by The Plastics and Polymer Group of the Society of the Chemical Industry, will be held at the London headquarters of the society.

This symposium will be concerned with the preparation of new polymers and plastics materials derived from silicate minerals. Some papers will report on trimethylsilylation which involves conversion of  $\rightarrow \text{Si-O}^-$  sites in the silicate to  $\rightarrow \text{Si-O-SiMe}_3$  and will cover the preparation of new polyorganosiloxanes where the macromolecular backbone structure of the silicate is retained. This work is important not only in the preparation of new plastics materials but for the information it provides on the structure of silicates.

Other papers will cover the incorporation of silicates into organic polymer systems to give materials with novel properties. There is a big gulf between the properties (*e.g.*, thermics on one hand and conventional plastics materials on mics on one hand and conventional plastics material on the other. Much of the work to be presented at this symposium is directly relevant to the search for materials to fill this gulf.

Further details may be obtained from Dr. B. R. Currell, The Polytechnic of North London, Holloway, London N7 8DB England.

### International Platinum Symposium of the Society of Economic Geologists

*Date:* October 13–17, 1975

*Location:* U.S. Geological Survey, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado

#### *Subject Matter:*

1. Occurrence of individual deposits.
2. Regional and tectonic setting, and worldwide distribution of rocks containing notable concentrations of platinum group elements.
3. Mineralogy—platinum group minerals and synthetic equivalents.
4. Geochemistry of platinum group elements.

- a. Experimental and analytical techniques.
  - b. Abundance and distribution.
  - c. Significance of low leved concentration to geochemical pathways.
  - d. Distribution in meteorites, tektites, and lunar rocks.
5. Exploration techniques.
  6. Resources and reserves of platinum group elements.

*Abstracts:* Abstracts up to 250 words in length will be accepted. Deadline for submitting abstracts is July 1, 1975. Abstracts will be printed prior to Symposium.

*Oral Presentation of Papers:* Presentation of papers will be limited to a maximum of 30 minutes per speaker. 35 mm slides (50 × 50 mm mount) and 3½ inch and 4¼ inch lantern slides may be used.

*Written Papers for Publication:* Manuscripts up to 40 double-spaced typewritten pages in length, including tables and figures, will be considered for publication. These papers will be subject to critical review and editing. Papers accepted by the Symposium editor, B. F. Leonard, will be published in the journal *Economic Geology*. Written papers, in final form, will be due prior to convening of the Symposium.

*Language:* English will be used for the Symposium, abstracts, and papers.

*Registration:*

The registration fee for attendance at the Symposium will be \$25.00 (U.S.). This fee, payable July 1, 1975, will be used principally to pay for transportation between lodging sites and the site of the conference.

*Lodging and Accommodations:* Lodging and meals are available at motels near the conference site. The cost of lodging and meals will be the responsibility of each participant.

*Call for Papers:*

Titles of papers are now invited. Due to the limitations of time and seating capacity, participants and papers will generally be accepted in order of receipt of requests to present papers and to attend the conference. Presentation of a paper is not a prerequisite for attendance, but priority will be given to those presenting papers.

*Inquiries:*

All inquiries should be directed to

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