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## Mineralogical Society of America

### NOTES FROM CHANTILLY

- MSA members were contacted electronically by mid-October to renew their membership for 2007. Paper notices will be sent to those who do not renew online by the end of October. There is a \$5 discount for renewing *online* before October 31, 2006. This is a change from the traditional discount and reflects the true cost savings for MSA.

MSA now has the capability to send each member their user ID (= e-mail address) and password (= MSA membership number) with the electronic renewal message. Not having this information at hand appeared to be a stumbling block for members renewing online. The number of members renewing online had remained at about one-third. We hope to build on the success of the 2006 renewal with a higher response and avoid a large hard-copy mailing by including all the information needed for renewal in the notice. In 2005, 916 MSA members attempted to renew online. In 2006, this increased to 1325.

- Members and Fellows who are in the senior, honorary, and life categories are sent renewal notices. They need not pay dues, but are sent notices because this is the best way to obtain an update of membership information, particularly mailing addresses.

Members qualify for Senior Member or Senior Fellow status if they have reached the age of 65, have retired from full-time professional employment, and have been a member of the Society for at least 30 years. Senior Members and Fellows retain all benefits of MSA membership (receiving *Elements*, voting, reduced rates on MSA products, etc.) but need not pay dues. They can subscribe to the paper or electronic version of *American Mineralogist* or other journals, purchase Society publications, and attend short courses all at member rates. If you are interested in senior status, select Senior Member or Fellow dues on

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your next renewal and write in the text box that you would like to become a Senior Member or Senior Fellow.

- Individuals can now apply for MSA membership online at [www.minsocam.org/MSA/membership](http://www.minsocam.org/MSA/membership). They can also download application forms that can be printed out, completed, and mailed or faxed to MSA. If you know someone who ought to be a member of MSA, but is not, encourage him or her to join and direct them to the MSA website.
- MSA will have all of its usual social and technical functions at the GSA meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (October 22–25, 2006). This is also MSA's annual meeting. There will be lectures by the Roebling Medalist and MSA Awardee on Tuesday, October 24, 2006, starting at 3 pm. W.G. Ernst, 2006 Roebling Medalist, will speak on the topic "Subduction Zone Metamorphism – An Evolving Mineralogical and Plate Tectonic Adventure." Daniel Frost, 2006 MSA Awardee, will speak on the subject "Local Strain Heterogeneity in Mineral Solid Solutions: The Relationship between Line Broadening in IR Spectra and Excess Enthalpy." Following these talks, at 4 pm, John Valley will give his MSA presidential address entitled "Minerals, Molecular Selection, and the Origin of Life." The MSA business meeting will follow from 5:00 to 5:30 pm, and the MSA/GS joint reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm.
- The 2007 Dana Medal presentation will be made at the 2007 "Frontiers in Mineral Sciences" meeting, June 26–28, 2007, Cambridge, UK. This is a joint meeting of MSA, MAC, MS, and SFMC. More information about the conference is available on the MSA website.

**J. Alex Speer**

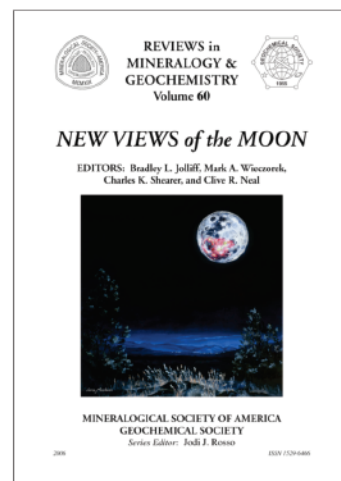
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## AMERICAN MINERALOGIST UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

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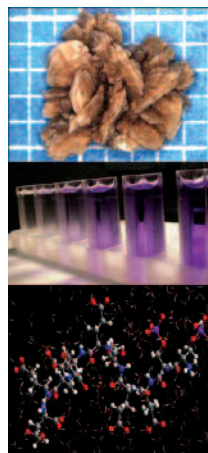
ALAN W. BERNHEIMER (Life Member – 1934)

FREDERICK HARVEY POUGH (Life Fellow – 1930)

HUGO STRUNZ (Honorary Fellow – 1948)

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## Medical Mineralogy and Geochemistry

**MSA/GS Short Course  
December 8-10, 2006  
Menlo Park, California**

**Organizers—** Dr. Nita Sahai, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Dr. Martin Schoonen, Stony Brook University.

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## Publications available through MSA

New title in the Mineralogical Society Series - **Phoscorites and Carbonatites from Mantle to Mine: the key example of the Kola Alkaline Province**. Edited by F. Wall and A.N. Zaitsev (2004).

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The European Mineralogical Union (EMU) launched its series Schools and accompanying Notes (ISSN 1417 2917) in 1997:

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From Almaz Press

**Kimberlites, Orangeites, Lamproites, Melilitites, and Minettes: A Petrographic Atlas** (1997) US\$100  
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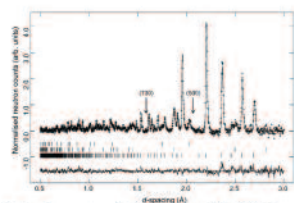
December 7-8, 2006

Holiday Inn-Bay Bridge, Emeryville, CA 94608

Hans-Rudolf Wenk, University of California-Berkeley, and Nancy Ross, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Convenors

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Final refinement profile for katoite at 9.42 GPa from Lager et al. (2005) *American Mineralogist* 90: 639-644.

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