

From the GS President,

I am happy to be writing you as the new President of the Geochemical Society. Tim Drever actually wrote me on the last day of December 2005 to "pass the torch" and so we started the New Year in a timely fashion. I am looking forward to working with all members from around the world to encourage research, education, and outreach in the field of geochemistry. The GS Officers and Directors meet at least once a year at the annual Goldschmidt meeting, and converse regularly by email to address issues concerning our Society. If you have concerns or interests, I would welcome your comments at any time.

Issues that I am looking forward to discussing in the next year include questions concerning future Goldschmidt meetings, questions concerning sub-groups of the Geochemical Society, and questions concerning how the GS might become more active in scientific outreach. I am enthusiastic to address these issues as well as others, including proposed work on our website. At this time, I would also like to welcome Marty Goldhaber as the new Vice-President and Mark McCaffrey as the newly appointed OGD Chairman. Of course, with new officers, we need to thank the "old" officers, including both Judith McKenzie who will be stepping down after six years in the presidential cycle, and Tim Drever who will now fill Judy's roll as Past President. I will particularly miss the occasional emails from Judy. We also welcome the new GS Directors, Andreas Lutge and Yaoling Niu, and bid adieu and thanks to those leaving their posts as Directors, Gilbert Hanson and Harry Elderfield.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Melbourne. As the first Goldschmidt "down under", the 16th Annual Goldschmidt Conference will be an event not to miss.

Susan L. Brantley, GS President



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From the EAG President,

Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to EAG members everywhere. By the time that you read this, I hope that many of you will have turned your thoughts to attending this year's Goldschmidt conference in Melbourne. The key deadlines are April 13th for submission of Abstracts and June 30th for registration.

Australia presents a plethora of geochemical environments ancient and modern that have few parallels in Europe, and I hope that many of you will be able to take advantage of the impetus from attending the year's outstanding geochemical conference to see some of them. If however you find it difficult to attend conferences in such far flung locations, then you may be pleased to hear that for the foreseeable future, Goldschmidt conferences are returning to the alternation between venues in Europe and North America, with the 2007 conference in Cologne already at an advanced stage of planning.

The EAG would like to support more geochemical activities in Europe, in recognition of the very high concentration of geochemists and geochemical research that is going on in the continent. If you have ideas for meetings, workshops, conference sessions or any other activity that would promote geochemistry, please take a few minutes to get in touch with the EAG Council to see if we can help in any way.

Bruce Yardley, EAG President

Cover: Uranyl peroxide nano-cluster of composition $K_{16}(H_2O)_2(UO_2)(O_2)_2(H_2O)_2[(UO_2)(O_2)_{1.5}]_{28}^{-14}$ (Burns et al. 2005). Image credit Peter Burns.

