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VGP Section Newsletter #4

Here is the spring issue of the Volcanology, Geochemistry and Petrology section newsletter. As usual, suggestions for future issues can be sent to fagents@asu.edu.

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(1) A MESSAGE FROM THE VGP PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT ELECT

AGU is embarking on a fund raising campaign in part because of financial concern arising from the transition to electronic publishing. The initial step is likely to be a letter from Section Presidents asking for a donation. At least in the short term it will be possible to direct your contributions toward VGP projects. Of course this requires that we have in place projects that could benefit both VGP members and society as a whole with modest financial support. The VGP executive committee will discuss this issue at the Spring AGU meeting and we encourage you to offer your ideas for projects to either Fred or Kathy before the AGU meeting.

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(2) CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS AT FALL 2001 AGU MEETING

Please be reminded that the deadline for the submission of special sessions to the Fall AGU meeting is 25 May. Members of VGP are strongly encouraged to help guarantee the success of the 2001 Fall meeting by providing suggestions for special sessions. Sessions may be at a section, intersection of Union level.

Requested information is,

- the title of the session,
- a few lines describing the aims and anticipated contents of the session,
- the names and contact addresses of the conveners (+ email addresses).

You may also include a prospective list of invited speakers.

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VGP Secretary and Fall Meeting Chair

(3) 2001 HESS MEDAL RECIPIENT

Congratulations are due to Al Hofmann (VGP Fellows Committee Chair), who was awarded the 2001 Harry H. Hess Medal by AGU for his outstanding contributions to the geochemistry and dynamics of the Earth's mantle. This award will be presented to Al at the Fall San Francisco meeting.

(4) UPDATE ON CHAPMAN CONFERENCE ON EXPLOSIVE SUBAQUEOUS VOLCANISM

January 21-25, 2002, Dunedin, New Zealand

Conveners:

James D. L. White, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand

Bruce F. Houghton, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii

Program Committee:

Ray Cas, Monash University, Australia

Kathy Cashman, University of Oregon, Portland, Oregon

David Clague, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, Moss Landing, CA

Kazuhiko Kano, Geological Survey of Japan, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, Japan

Wulf Mueller, University of Quebec at Chicoutimi, Canada

Ian Skilling, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS

John Smellie, British Antarctic Survey

Ken Wohletz, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM

Conference Objective:

The conference will bring together volcanologists, geophysicists and marine geoscientists with interests in the processes and significance of explosive subaqueous eruptions in seafloor settings, and in the formation of clastic volcanogenic successions on the modern seafloor and in ancient successions. The conference will foster better communication among these groups of scientists, and provide an opportunity for recent research results to be presented in a forum in which there is scope to develop new perspectives and directions for future collaborative research by interested scientists from a range of backgrounds.

Topics:

- Magmatic Processes: Physical Models and Limiting Observations
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- Shoaling and Subglacial Eruptions and Deposits
- Basaltic Shallow Subaqueous Eruptions and Deposition
- Basaltic Modern Deep Seafloor Deposits
- Young Pyroclastic Deposits of Evolved Magmas
- Deposits and Processes of Ancient Subaqueous Eruptions

Format:

The conveners are currently planning for four and a half days of presentations with a mid-meeting field trip devoted to examining seacliff exposures of early Cenozoic subaqueous surtseyan deposits. There will be morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. Posters will be put up at the beginning of the conference and remain available for viewing and discussion throughout the conference.

Abstract Deadline: October 1, 2001

Travel Support: October 1, 2001

Applications are being made to several U.S. agencies to support travel of conference participants. Graduate students and young scientists will receive priority for funding. Application information can be obtained from the AGU website: www.agu.org

Further Information:

Additional information and program content as topics are developed will be available at www.agu.org/meetings/chapman.html. To be placed on a mailing list, send an e-mail to meetinginfo@agu.org

(5) VGP WEBSITE

Please note that this newsletter, previous newsletters and much useful section information can be found on the new VGP website: <http://vgp.AGU.org>