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VGP Section Newsletter #31a

Dear Colleagues,

A number of very recent events have prompted a brief additional newsletter: This and all previous newsletters are archived at the VGP website (<http://vgp.agu.org>).

- (1) Section Officer Elections**
 - (2) New AGU Fellows**
 - (3) NSF Student Travel Grants for the IAVCEI General Assembly**
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(1) SECTION OFFICER ELECTIONS

The following have been elected VGP Officers:

*President-Elect: **Steve Sparks***
*Secretary Geochemistry: **Janne Blichert-Toft***
*Secretary, Volcanology, Petrology: **Paul Wallace***

The Executive Committee congratulates them on behalf of the VGP Membership. We also wish to express our gratitude to the unsuccessful candidates for their commitment to our section and for being prepared to stand in the election.

(2) NEW AGU FELLOWS

We are delighted to announce the election of the following colleagues with VGP affiliation to Fellowship of AGU. (Primary section affiliation in brackets).

Charlie Bacon (VGP)
Patricia Dove (B)
Lawrence Edwards (PO)
Ron Greeley (P)
Gil Hanson (VGP)
Greg Hirth (T)
Tetsuo Irifune (T)
Terry Plank (VGP)
Barry Voight (VGP)

(3) TRAVEL GRANTS FOR VOLCANOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENTS IN US UNIVERSITIES TO IAVCEI GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ICELAND

Please bring the following to the attention of your students:

Funding has been applied for from the US National Science Foundation for travel support for students enrolled in US graduate programs to attend the IAVCEI meeting in Iceland this August. Students from any US graduate program doing volcanological research are eligible if they submit at least one abstract for the meeting. Students are asked to submit, as one .pdf file, their current resume, their IAVCEI abstract(s), a personal statement of why attending this meeting is advantageous and a statement concerning available costshare from other sources along with anticipated budget. A key feature of this meeting is the

number of focused workshops before and after the meeting of special relevance and value to students.

The cost of attending the conference and a workshop or field trip is estimated at about \$4400 each, but we can support only the cost of travel hotel and meeting registration or about \$2500. We expect that the student's university support can help them by paying part of the cost, including workshops and field trips. We are hoping to be able to support 12 or more students, but funding is undecided and uncertain at this point.

Selection of successful applicants will be made by a special AGU-VGP committee consisting of volcanology faculty at US universities: Bruce Houghton, Paul Wallace, Eliza Calder and Bill Rose. The committee's criteria for selection will be based on the impact of the proposed package of activities in advancing the student's research portfolio. We will give priority in making the awards to students who are enrolled in field trips and workshops so please state your specific intention in this regard in your letter of application. We will also consider how close you are to dissertation completion, whether you have received support for such meetings in the past, and gender, ethnic and geographic diversity in our funding decisions. Funds from NSF are expected to be supplemented by additional support from IAVCEI.

Submit .pdf application to *Bill Rose (raman@mtu.edu)*. Application deadline is **15 March 2008**.