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*VGP Section Newsletter#13*

*Dear Colleagues,*

*The primary aim of this issue of the VGP quarterly newsletter is to highlight the variety of awards within AGU that are open to VGP members. Please take the time to think of candidates who are worthy of nomination. In addition, the latest Fall Meeting information is included at the end of the newsletter. Please address any comments or suggestions for future issue to [fagents@hawaii.edu](mailto:fagents@hawaii.edu).*

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### **(1) UNION MEDALS AND AWARDS**

A note to VGP members - there are several Union medals and awards in addition to the Macelwane and Fellows that may be appropriate for VGP members, as listed below. If you know any worthy candidates, I encourage you to visit the AGU Honors web page to find out details of the nominations process.

The Athelstan Spilhaus Award recognizes members of the American Geophysical Union who have devoted portions of their lives to expressing the excitement, significance, and beauty of the Earth and space sciences to the general public. The William Bowie Medal is given for outstanding contributions to fundamental geophysics and for unselfish cooperation in research, one of the guiding principles of AGU. The Harry H. Hess Medal honors outstanding achievements in research of the constitution and evolution of Earth and sister planets. The Walter H. Bucher Medal recognizes original contributions to the basic knowledge of the Earth's crust [every other year - next 2004]

### **(2) CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AGU FELLOWS**

The deadline for nomination for AGU Fellows is October 1, 2003, and I encourage you to nominate deserving colleagues. Guidelines for nomination can be accessed at AGU's web site at [www.agu.org/inside/fellguides.html](http://www.agu.org/inside/fellguides.html). Our section has been very successful over the past several years, and the committee would very much like to build on it. In addition to the AGU web site, inquiries can be addressed to [nshimizu@whoi.edu](mailto:nshimizu@whoi.edu).

*Nobu Shimizu, VGP Fellows Committee Chair*

### **(3) CALL FOR BOWEN AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for the Norman L. Bowen Award are due on October 1, 2003. The award is given annually for outstanding contributions to volcanology, geochemistry or petrology. The contribution may be: (1) a single outstanding paper published in any journal; (2) a series of papers which, taken together, constitute an outstanding contribution; or (3) any other contribution that the Selection Committee considers worthy. Special consideration is given to nominees who have not previously received a medal. The nomination file should include: (1) a nominating letter from a colleague, (2) a

CV for the candidate, (3) a list of publications for the candidate, (4) three letters of recommendation (no more or less) from colleagues that are neither from the candidate's current institution nor from the candidate's Ph.D. institution. Nominations should be sent to Rebecca Lange, 2534 C.C. Little Bldg, Dept. of Geological Sciences, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1063.

*Rebecca Lange*

#### **(4) CALL FOR MACELWANE MEDAL NOMINATIONS**

Nominations are sought for the Macelwane medal, which recognizes significant contributions to the geophysical sciences by an outstanding young scientist (less than 36 years of age in the year the award is given). If you know of such an outstanding young scientist, please send your recommendation with a brief summary of why you think this person is deserving of the award to the committee at the address below. Further information is available at <http://www.agu.org/inside/awardnom.html>. Nominations are due by October 15.

*Michael Garcia (mogarcia@hawaii.edu) for the VGP Macelwane Award Committee*

#### **(5) A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FALL MEETING PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES**

Fall AGU promises to be a great meeting. With the move to Moscone West, there will again be 23 rooms for oral sessions (compared to 19 in 2002), and so the oral/poster ratio should increase from last year. There are a wide range of special sessions in VGP this year:

- V00 General Volcanology, Geochemistry, and Petrology Contributions
- V01 Centennial Celebration of Radioisotopic Geochronology: Dates, Rates, and New Debates
- V02 The Growth and Collapse of Hawaiian Volcanoes
- V03 Melting of the Mantle and Formation of Basalt Magmas: Experiments, Field Studies, and Models
- V04 Modeling Metamorphism
- V05 Many Facets of Garnet: Recorders of Crust and Mantle Dynamics
- V06 Volcanic Emissions to the Troposphere: Fluxes, Feedbacks, Impacts
- V07 Isotopic Constraints on Rates of Building Active Volcanoes
- V08 Light Element Geochemistry: Insights Into High-Temperature Processes
- V09 Birth, Growth, and Death of Magmatic Arcs: Comparisons Among Arcs in Different Settings
- V10 Crustal and Mantle Processes in Ophiolites and Ocean Crust Generation
- V11 Rift Zones on Volcanic Islands: Structure, Evolution, and Magmatic Processes
- V12 The Origins of Hot Spots, LIPS, Seamount Chains and Volcanic Ridges
- V13 U-series in Continental Environments: Soils, River, and Ground Waters
- V14 Modern Trends in Petrography: Textural and Microanalysis of Igneous Rocks
- V15 The First Historical Eruption of Anatahan Volcano, Mariana Islands
- V16 Medical Mineralogy
- V17 New Frontiers in High-Pressure Research
- V18 State of the Art in Theory of Materials: Methods and Applications

The following Union sessions may also be of particular interest to the VGP membership.

- U02 The Contributions of 20 Years of Scientific Ocean Drilling
- U08 The Core-Mantle Boundary: Theoretical, Experimental, and Observational Constraints
- U09 Evolution of Biogeochemical Cycles

Additionally, VGP will also co-sponsor many sessions from other sections. For more complete descriptions of all sessions see [http://www.agu.org/meetings/fm03/fm03\\_ApprovedSessions.html](http://www.agu.org/meetings/fm03/fm03_ApprovedSessions.html)

If your contribution does not fit well into one of the special sessions, please submit your abstract to the general session (V00). Such contributions will be organized into topical sessions by the Program Committee.

The abstract deadline is **September 4 at 1400 GMT**. Also note that the AGU web submission tool will not allow you to submit an abstract unless your AGU membership is current or unless you are sponsored by a current member. You must renew your membership by August 27 in order to use the abstract web tool.

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