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Dear Colleagues,

Here is the September issue of the AGU Volcanology, Geochemistry and Petrology Section newsletter. Please visit the VGP website (<http://www.agu.org/sections/VGP/>) for additional news and information. Comments and suggestions may be sent [Joanna S Denton](mailto:Jdenton@lanl.gov) to ([Jdenton@lanl.gov](mailto:Jdenton@lanl.gov)).

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**(1) MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Greetings to VGP members and all of our affiliate members. Plenty of happenings continue in our science. Many are preparing for the upcoming Fall AGU meeting; New Orleans promises exciting science and an interesting change of venue. JpGU has a call for sessions for the upcoming joint 2018 JpGU meeting 20-24 May in Chiba, Japan. EGU call for sessions closed earlier this month, but abstract submission is Oct to early January. GSA has its annual meeting next month.

Call for SESSIONS: Florian Max Schwandner and Caloy Arcilla would like to get a good slate of volcanology and petrology sessions going for the 2018 AOGS meeting on Hawaii in early June 2018 ([www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2018](http://www.asiaoceania.org/aogs2018)). Session proposal submission deadline is Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Let us CELEBRATE AND CONGRATULATE:

Congratulations to our recognized VGP members who have received recognition, including the Hess medalist, Roberta Rudnick, the Macelwane medalist Yan Lavallée and our Fellows and VGP co-sponsored Fellows.

Roberta Rudnick (UC Santa Barbara) **Harry H. Hess Medal**  
Yan Lavallée (UC Santa Barbara) **James B. Macelwane Medal**

**Fellows:**

Marc Chaussidon, Institut de Physique du Globe de Paris

Matthew J. Kohn, Boise State University

Klaus Mezger, University of Bern

Robert J. Stern, University of Texas at Dallas

Youxue Zhang, University of Michigan

Congratulations too, to our Fellows who were co-sponsored by VGP:

Paul J. Tackley, ETH Zurich (Tectonophysics),  
Jeffrey Alt, University of Michigan (Oceanography)  
Hai Cheng, Xi'an Jiaotong University (Paleoceanography /Paleoclimatology)

It is a great honor to have our members recognized for their scientific achievements. We also congratulate and celebrate our VGP awardees for their excellent contributions in science, including the Bowen Medalists, Bernard and Craig and our Kuno medalists, Matt and James.

**Norman Bowen Awardees and Lecture recipients**

Craig Manning, University of California, Los Angeles  
Bernard Marty, University of Lorraine

**Hisashi Kuno Awardees**

Matthew Steele-MacInnis, University of Arizona  
James Watkins, University of Oregon

**Daly Lecturer**

Catherine Chauvel, Université Grenoble Alpes

I also thank the committee chairs Mike Perfit (Fellows), Dante Canil (Bowen), Mary Reid (Kuno), Joe Dufek (Macelwane), and Mark Kurz (Union medals) and all of their committee members for their many hours of service and their conscientious efforts on VGP's behalf.

Tyrone Rooney, the chair of the Student Awards committee, continues in his role and all of VGP owes him a big thank you for his service and that of his committee members. Please offer a hand to Tyrone and committee, if you have the time to help at the Fall AGU meeting.

Thank you Karen Harpp for your many years of service as the chair of the VGP Education and Outreach committee. You have done a super job and I can say this is an assessment from the past presidents too.

To Amanda, Marie, Anat and Cici, thank you for the many, and sometimes stressful, hours of effort you put into motivating the community to propose sessions, splicing and cajoling the final slate of sessions, and organizing the VGP presentations for the Fall meetings. These efforts are a major time investment and we all are thankful for your work.

Congratulations to our medalists, Fellows, Awardees and Lecturers and thank you very much to our committee chairs and members. I am proud of our vibrant VGP community and enjoy working with a wonderful and energetic group of scientists.

Bill McDonough  
AGU – VGP Section President  
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## **(2) MESSAGE FROM OSPA COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The VGP student awards committee continues to prepare for the Fall Meeting, and has been busy evaluating student travel grant applications. We would like to warmly thank those members of the committee who will be cycling off the committee – Wendy Nelson (Towson U.), Nick Dygert (U. Tennessee), Eric Brown (Aarhus U.), and Asmaa Boujibar (GL - Carnegie). They have all graciously devoted their time at AGU meetings over the years to ensure VGP student judging is the most rigorous and fair as we can make it. I speak for the whole committee in saying that we very much appreciate their contributions. With change, so comes new additions to the committee and we welcome Dan Hummer (S. Illinois U.), Ana Cernok (Open U.), Megan Newcombe (Columbia U.), and Tom Hudgins (U. of Puerto Rico). Our continuing committee members are: Maryjo Brounce (U. California, Riverside), Sarah Brownlee (Wayne State U.), Brian Jicha (U. Wisconsin), and Noah McLean (U. Kansas). These committee members will act as coordinators during the fall meeting, and if you are an OSPA session liaison, you will be hearing from one of us in the coming months. Lastly, we hope you will consider signing up as a judge when the student presentation judging website opens later in the year.

Tyrone Rooney, AGU OSPA Committee Chair, Volcanology, Geochemistry, and Petrology

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