

## **Summer 2001 VGP Section Newsletter #5**

Here is the summer issue of the Volcanology, Geochemistry and Petrology section newsletter. As usual, suggestions for future issues can be sent to [fagents@asu.edu](mailto:fagents@asu.edu).

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### **(1) FALL MEETING REMINDER**

The abstract deadline for the AGU Fall Meeting is fast approaching! Hardcopy abstracts must reach AGU by August 30, electronic submissions must be made by September 6 at 2pm UTC. Check the website for more details on abstract submission and special sessions of interest to VGP members: <http://www.agu.org/meetings/fm01top.html>

This year the Fall meeting attendance is expected to increase. VGP represents about 10% of this attendance. With that, the VGP section is one of the strongest representations at the Fall meeting. Fewer special sessions have been included in this year's program with the net result that more time will be available for oral presentations in other sessions. Please attend and help confirm the Fall AGU meeting as the largest premier venue for our science.

Don Dingwell Fall Meeting Program Committee Chair.

### **(2) CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR NORMAN L. BOWEN AWARD**

The N. L. Bowen Award was established in 1981 by the Volcanology, Geochemistry, and Petrology Section to recognize an outstanding contribution to volcanology, geochemistry, or petrology made during the preceding five years. The deadline for nominations is October 6, 2001. See Eos (ads will appear in late July and August) for further information and nomination instructions. At this point, I am sure many of you know someone who you think is very deserving of a Bowen award. Please take the step to nominate this person. The nomination process is not very difficult. All that is required is a letter from you stating and documenting why the nominee deserves the award, a copy of the nominee's CV, and supporting letters from at least two scientists (3-4 is better) who know and support the nomination. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mac Rutherford Bowen Award Committee Chair.

Recent Awardees: Eric Essene, 1991 Robert O. Fournier, 1991 Bruce D. Marsh, 1993 Timothy L. Grove, 1993 Alan Bruce Thompson, 1994 Harry W. Green II, 1994 T. Mark Harrison, 1995 Frank M. Richter, 1995 Charles H. Langmuir, 1996 Frank S. Spear, 1997 Alex Halliday, 1998 Charles R. Bacon, 1999 Francis Albarede, 2000

### **(3) CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE JAMES B. MACELWANE MEDAL**

The James B. Macelwane Award is presented annually for significant contributions to the geophysical sciences by a young scientist of outstanding ability. Recipients must be less than 36 years old on January 1 of the year of presentation (in this case 2002). Recent recipients have included Eduoard Bard, Lars Stixrude, Ken Farley, Eric Hauri and Quentin

Williams. For a nomination to be considered it must include a letter of nomination outlining the nominee's significant contributions, a curriculum vitae, a bibliography, and a minimum of three supporting letters. At least two letters must be from individuals not currently or recently associated with the nominee's institution of graduate education or employment. The letter must include the birth date of the nominee, which must be 1966 or later. The members of the VGP Section Macelwane Award Committee are as follows: Alex Halliday (Chair), ETH Zurich (halliday@erdw.ethz.ch), Bernie Wood, University of Bristol (B.J.Wood@bristol.ac.uk), Michael Garcia, University of Hawaii (garcia@soest.hawaii.edu), Larry Edwards, University of Minnesota (edwar001@maroon.tc.umn.edu), Everett Shock, Washington University in St. Louis (shock@zonvark.wustl) PLEASE NOTE that all nominations need to be sent direct to AGU. The deadline for nominations is October 15th. Packages that, on the deadline, do not meet the requirements for completeness, as outlined above, cannot be considered. The nomination package should be submitted to: The James B. Macelwane Award Committee, VGP Section c/o American Geophysical Union 2000 Florida Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20009

Further details can be found at <http://www.agu.org/inside/awardnom.html>

Alex Halliday Macelwane Award Committee Chair.

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

Selection as a Fellow of AGU is an honor bestowed on only 0.1% of the membership in any given year. Do you know of a VGP colleague who should become a member of this special group of Earth and space scientists?

Instructions for nominating a colleague, together with a list of current AGU fellows, are found on the AGU website at <http://www.agu.org/inside/insidaguhn.html>

The deadline for nominations for 2002 is October 1, 2001.

#### **(5) OUTSTANDING STUDENT PAPER AWARDS, 2001 SPRING MEETING**

This years' winners of the Outstanding Student Presentation awards at the 2001 Spring AGU meeting are:

Alex L. Sessions Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Department of Geology and Geophysics for Calibration of Continuous-Flow Hydrogen Isotopic Analyses

Mark D. Schmitz Massachusetts Institute of Technology Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences for Crustal Thermochronological Constraints on the Evolution of Proterozoic Lithosphere in Southern Africa.

Congratulations! Many thanks to Vincent Salters for coordinating the judging effort. As always, we need volunteers to judge the presentations this fall.

Roger Nielsen Education/Outreach Committee Chair

#### **(6) CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSIONS AT SPRING AGU MEETING, WASHINGTON, DC May 28 - June 1, 2002**

Members of the Volcanology-Geochemistry-Petrology (VGP) section are invited to take initiative to assure that we have a scientifically lively Spring Meeting in 2002 by proposing special sessions. There are real advantages to special sessions at the Spring Meeting: the meeting is small enough to have your session stand out and, unlike the crowded Fall AGU, novel formats can be used (e.g. workshops, specialized talk length and order). Please think of a session you would like to see at Spring AGU, then make sure it happens by proposing it yourself or urging colleagues to do so. To convene a special session contact Steven B. Shirey, Department of Terrestrial Magnetism, Carnegie Institution of Washington, 5241 Broad

Branch Road, NW, Washington, DC 20015, Fax: 202 478 8821, Phone: 202 478-8473, shirey@dtm.ciw.edu. All that is needed is a brief paragraph description of the session and the names of conveners. Deadline for proposals of special sessions is the first week of October, 2001.

### **(7) VGP ELECTIONS**

The VGP Nominations Committee chaired by Craig Manning has selected a strong slate of VGP candidates for the 2002-2004 biennium elections which will take place late this year. Most of the voting will be electronic (see EOS for details), and we hope that this will lead to increased response - please VOTE!

President: C.R. Bacon (USGS, Menlo Park, CA) M.J. Rutherford (Brown University)  
Secretary: J. Eiler (Cal Tech) M. Hirschmann (Minnesota)

### **(8) PUBLICATIONS**

As you know AGU is in the midst of the transition to Electronic Publishing. This change will affect readers, authors and reviewers of AGU publications. Throughout the summer the procedures and impacts for Electronic Publications have been explained by articles in EOS that were prepared by the AGU Publications Committee (the initial article was in the May 20, 2001 issue).

### **(9) AGU FUND RAISING**

As you know the AGU Fund Drive "Unlock the Future" indicated an option to contribute to the VGP section. In the past our funds have been limited to the 50% fraction of supporting Members Contributions (\$100/yr). These modest funds ~\$1500-\$2000, have been used to award \$100 AGU vouchers to students whose abstracts are selected for "Outstanding Paper Awards" at the Spring and Fall Meetings; typically 10 awards per year. In addition we support the travel costs for the Daly Lecturer at the Spring AGU. If we accrue more funds as a result of the fund drive the VGP executive committee has discussed how we might best allocate funds in the future. Our tentative plans (other ideas from VGP members are welcome), are:

1. Initiate a program of travel support for VGP student members to VGP-related meetings such as Chapman, Penrose, IAVCEI, etc. Support would be allocated by a VGP Committee that set up announcements and procedures for applying for such funds.
2. On a larger scale, if funds are available, we might follow the successful Horton Grants offered by the Hydrology Section to students. These are competitive research grants providing about \$10,000 to selected graduate student applicants.

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