

**Minutes of the business meetings
of the
Commission for Mineral Growth and Interface Processes,
held on July 25 and 27 in Kobe, Japan,
during the 19th General Meeting of the International Mineralogical
Association.**

Present: K. Tsukamoto, A. Luttge, J. Rakovan, I. Sunagawa, E. Scandale,
J.M. Garcia Ruiz, A. Putnis, A. Baronnet, I. Bonev, J. Paquette, M. Posfai.

Chair: Katsuo Tsukamoto (Tohoku University, Japan).

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- The three sessions sponsored by the CMGIP during the IMA meeting of July 24-28 in Kobe (Japan) attracted 68 contributions. Biomineralization, textures induced by rapid crystallization and interface processes involving nanominerals were mentioned as some of the new frontiers in mineral growth that are also of increasing interest in industry, materials and health sciences. The members present reaffirmed the need to maintain the commission and continue to broaden its representation among IMA member countries.

The following nominations were approved:

- Katsuo Tsukamoto (Tohoku University, Japan) succeeds outgoing chairperson C. F. Woensdregt (Utrecht University, The Netherlands).
- Andreas Luttge (Rice University, Texas) succeeds outgoing vice-chairperson K. Tsukamoto
- Jeanne Paquette (McGill University, Canada) replaces former secretary John Rakovan (Miami University/Ohio, USA).

The commission also wishes to bring to your attention the following events:

1) The 15th International Conference on Crystal Growth (in conjunction with the 13th Conference on Vapor Growth and Epitaxy) will be held on August 12 - 17, 2007, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. Abstract submission will open on January 1st, 2007. Preliminary details are available at: <http://www.crystalgrowth.org/conferences/iccg15/index.php>

2) An International Symposium on calcite growth and interface processes, organized by students and sponsored by Tohoku University, to be held before March 2007. Further details will follow.

3) The 2nd International Conference on Crystallogenesi s and Mineralogy will be held at the Department of Crystallography and Department of Mineralogy of Saint-Petersbourg State University. October 1-5, 2007. Registration will begin on October 1st, 2006. Contact: KM2007@minsoc.ru for further information.

Plans were also discussed for some future events:

4) We wish to identify researchers interested in organizing a session related to mineral interface processes at the upcoming Goldschmidt conferences. The 2007 meeting will be held

in Cologne, Germany, August 19-24, under the theme "Atoms to Planets". The scope of the program is given at <http://www.goldschmidt2007.org/symposia.php>

The 2008 Goldschmidt conference ("From Sea to Sky") will take place in Vancouver, Canada, July 13-18.

5) Eugenio Scandale (U. Bari, Italy) offered to lead the planning of an international summer school on "Crystal Growth and Interface Processes" in 2007 or 2008 in Bari, Italy. The project would involve the publication of course notes/chapters as a volume in the EMU Notes series or the MSA Reviews in Mineralogy.

6) Andrew Putnis (U. Muenster, Germany) will act as liaison with the IGC 2008 meeting (Oslo) and organize a session on crystal growth.

7) Plans for an eventual 2nd International Symposium on Interface Mineralogy (2009?) were also considered. Andreas Lutge (Rice U., USA) offered to look into the logistics of holding such an event in Houston, USA.

Finally, participants to IMA 2006 also wish to thank Katsuo Tsukamoto for leading a group of us to dinner in Kobe, after the colorful closing ceremonies. It was a wonderful way to cap an excellent meeting.

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