

Obituary

André J. Bernard: 22. 8. 1927 – 17. 4. 1988

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden and untimely death of Professor André J. Bernard on Sunday, April 17, 1988 at his home. In accordance with his wish, the funeral was attended only by his immediate family.

The deceased belonged to the small group which met in The Hague in November 1965, and later in Heidelberg in June 1966, to found the Society and its journal, *Mineralium Deposita*. He was its first Secretary until 1971 and was instrumental in its growth and development during this initial phase. The energy he devoted to this task, his sense of diplomacy and his worldwide network of friends and professional relationships enabled the Society to make a rapid start. At the time of his death he was still very active for the Society, as a member of the Editorial Board of *Mineralium Deposita* and as Chairman of the Admission Committee.

From 1962 until his death he was head of the Laboratory of Economic Geology of the Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Géologie Appliquée et de Prospection Minière of Nancy. From his initial interest in carbonate hosted Pb/Zn deposits, he switched to ore deposits in karsts, and then to massive sulphide deposits in Spain and Morocco, to mention only the major axes of his investigations. He was among the half dozen fathers of the "European school" of economic geology that placed particular emphasis on the geological environment of the ore deposits and on the sedimentological aspects, as regards the strata-bound ores. Generations of economic geologists were formed by him in Nancy and will remember him for his vast culture and his brilliant lectures.

The Society will be eternally grateful to André Bernard for his manifold activities and he will be remembered and greatly missed by all his friends and colleagues all over the world.

Francis Saupe

Announcements

SGA meeting Cagliari Sardinia

The date of the Cagliari meeting in honour of Prof. Zuffardi has been postponed until October 10–15, 1988.

Theme: Evolution of metallo-genetic theories in the last 20 years: a case history. The theme will first be discussed by 11 invited speakers, and a session with contributions by other participants will follow. Subsequent to the meeting there will be a three-day excursion to some Sardinian deposits. *For further information please contact:* Secretariat Zuffar' days 88, Istituto di Giacimenti Minerari, Piazza d'Armi, I-09123 Cagliari, Italy, Tel. (070) 28 08 37

EUG V 1989 – Biennial Meeting

20 – 23 March, Strasbourg

Geoscientists from Europe will again assemble in Strasbourg to:

- Exchange ideas within specialized fields
- Brush up on geoscience in general
- Develop international and interdisciplinary collaboration

Inquiries to: Organizing Committee EUG V, Geological Survey of Norway, PO Box 3006 – Lade, N-7002 Trondheim, Norway

Joint annual meeting of the Geological Association of Canada and the Mineralogical Association of Canada

May 14–17, 1989

The joint annual meeting of the Geological Association of Canada and the Mineralogical Association of Canada will be held in Montreal, May 14–17, 1989, with the participation of the Canadian Geophysical Union. *Further information:* Dr. Colin Stearn, Chairman, Local Organizing Committee for Montréal '89, Rm. 238, 3450 University Street, Montreal, Quebec, H3A 2A7, Tel.: (514) 3 98-40 82

XIII International Geochemical Exploration Symposium

II Brazilian Geochemical Congress – Rio '89

October 1–6, 1989

The Association of Exploration Geochemists and the Sociedade Brasileira de Geoquímica (Brazilian Geochemical Society) extend an invitation to attend the XIII International Geochemical Exploration Symposium and II Brazilian Geochemical Congress to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Glória Hotel, October 1st to 6th, 1989. *Address for Correspondence:* "Rio '89" (XIII IGES – II CBGq) A/C CPRM – Lamin, Av. Pasteur, 404 – Urca CEP 22292 – Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

15th general meeting of the International Mineralogical Association – IMA 1990

June 28 – July 3, 1990

The 15th General Meeting of the International Mineralogical Association will be held in Beijing, The People's Republic of China, from 28 June to 3 July, 1990. The program will include symposia and plenary lectures organized by Commissions, Working Groups and the Program Committee. A joint symposium on selected interdisciplinary topics will be held with the International Association of Geochemistry and Cosmochemistry. Oral and poster sessions will be organized according to the topics of the papers contributed. *Further inquiries should be addressed to:* IMA 1990, c/o Dr. Wang Zejiu, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, Baiwanzhuang Road 26, Fu Wai, Beijing 100037, China