



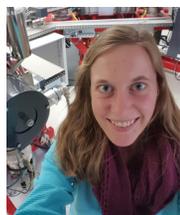
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International Collectors Association – Brian Mason Award

In 1997, Joel Schiff, the first editor of the popular *Meteorite* magazine, created a travel award in honor of Brian Mason, who was born in New Zealand and spent the majority of his career as a curator at the Smithsonian Institution (Washington DC, USA). The award is given to a student attending the annual meeting of the society who submits an abstract that clearly explains exciting results of particular interest to readers of *Meteorite* magazine. The recipient is required to write a popular account of their work for the magazine. Since 2008, the award has been generously funded by the International Meteorite Collectors Association.

This year, the Program Committee for the Santa Fe meeting awarded Levke Kööp and Emilie Dunham the Brian Mason Award. **Levke Kööp** is a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Chicago (USA). His abstract was entitled, "Calcium and Titanium Isotope Systematics in Refractory Inclusions from CM, CO, and CR Chondrites" and the authors were L. Kööp, A. Davis, A. Krot, K. Nagashima, and S. Simon. **Emilie Dunham** is a graduate student at Arizona State University (USA). Her abstract was entitled, "The Range of Initial $^{10}\text{Be}/^9\text{Be}$ Ratios in the Early Solar System: A Re-assessment based on Analyses of New CAIs and Melilite Composition Glass Standards" and the authors were E. Dunham, M. Wadhwa, and M.-C. Liu.



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CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Please nominate a colleague for one of the society's awards. Nominations should be sent to Secretary Mike Weisberg (metsosec@gmail.com) **by 15 January 2017** (31 January 2017 for the Service Award and the Pellas–Ryder Award). For more information and details on how to submit a nomination for any of these awards, please see the latest newsletter at the society website or e-mail the secretary.

The society gives a number awards each year. The **Leonard Medal** honors outstanding contributions to the science of meteoritics and closely allied fields. The **Barringer Medal and Award** recognize outstanding work in the field of impact cratering and/or work that has led to a better understanding of impact phenomena. The **Nier Prize** recognizes outstanding research in meteoritics and closely allied fields by young scientists. The **Service Award** honors members who have advanced the goals of the Meteoritical Society to promote research and education in meteoritics and planetary science in ways other than by conducting scientific research. The **Paul Pellas–Graham Ryder Award** is given for the best student paper in planetary science and is awarded jointly by the Meteoritical Society and the Planetary Geology Division of the Geological Society of America.

IN MEMORIAL

Stanisław Hałas – passionate person, teacher, scientist, inventor, and experimenter



Professor Stanisław Hałas

Professor Stanisław Hałas, a full professor and world-renowned researcher in isotope geochemistry at the University of Maria Curie-Skłodowska (UMCS) in Lublin (Poland) passed away 3 May 2017. He was 72 years old.

Professor Hałas received his MSc degree in physics in 1968 from UMCS. Following his degree, he joined the Institute of Physics at UMCS where he remained for the rest of his career. He obtained the title of professor in 1992 and was, for many years, the chair of the Department of Mass Spectrometry in the Institute of Physics UMCS. Stan was a distinguished scientist in the fields of mass spectrometry and isotope geochemistry and geochronology, and he was a pioneer in developing new measurement and analytical techniques. Stan was, above all, a creator: he was a novel inventor and could seemingly make something from almost nothing. His authorship or coauthorship of 24 patents is not surprising. Stan Hałas was also the author of hundreds of scientific papers and was one of the most cited Polish scientists in his discipline.

Stan was highly committed to teaching thousands of students and to the careful training of his graduate students and postdoctoral associates. He supervised six PhD students and introduced many Polish scientists to isotope geochemistry during the 50-year lifespan of his hospitable laboratory. He collaborated with others, working in laboratories in Calgary (Canada), Heidelberg (Germany), East Kilbride (Scotland) and Potsdam (Germany). Professor Hałas was distinguished by numerous decorations and awards, both Polish and international, and he was either a president or a member of numerous Polish and foreign scientific societies.

Stan was a physicist by education, but his intensive and extensive activities in isotope studies of rocks and minerals left his mark on Polish mineralogy, petrology and geochemistry. Stan will be remembered as the best physicist among geologists, and the best geologist among physicists. Even after he retired, Stan actively participated in research and was always full of new ideas and trying to initiate new projects.

Professor Hałas was active not only professionally. Among his other interests included observing the sky, giving public demonstrations of physics, car touring, swimming and gardening. He is survived by his wife, six children, and six grandchildren. He will be very much missed by his colleagues, friends, family and all who knew him.

Ziggy Sawlowicz