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FROM THE PRESIDENT



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By the time this message is published in *Elements*, my challenge as International Association for GeoChemistry (IAGC) President for the two-year term will be over. At the transition period between the president and the past-president position, I would like to first thank Ian Cartwright for his dedication to the IAGC as he transitions out of the past-president position. I also would like to welcome Neus Otero, current IAGC Vice President, who will take over the IAGC President role in 2019. Finally, I am happy to announce that Jodie

Miller from Stellenbosch University (South Africa) will be the next vice president.

Within my two-year term as president, the largest changes in the association concerned our IAGC-sponsored Working Group meetings. During the last Applied Isotope Geochemistry (AIG) meeting in Copper Mountain (Colorado, USA), the council agreed on a new meeting format. Under the leadership of two former IAGC Presidents (Richard Wanty, 2012–2014; and Russell Harmon, 2010–2012) and with the help of Yousif Kharaka, Tom Bullen, and the IAGC Council, we decided to create a unified IAGC International Conference. The first event of this new era will be the Water–Rock Interaction and Applied Isotope Geochemistry (WRI–AIG) conference in Tomsk (Russia) under the umbrella of two of the historically largest working groups (the Geochemistry of the Earth's Surface (GES) being the third largest). However, as the GES group had already initiated the planning process for its next meeting in Switzerland, the second fully consolidated conference involving all working groups will be held in 2021 at a location to be announced soon. Please check the IAGC website (www.iagc-society.org) for details or check the Tomsk meeting website (wri16.com).

The second important activity of my tenure concerned *Applied Geochemistry*, the official journal of the IAGC. Michael Kersten has agreed to renew his position as Executive Editor after again volunteering for this role and having the enthusiastic support of the council. Michael will, therefore, continue as the Executive Editor for the next three years. We hope to see more review articles in *Applied Geochemistry* and a continued clear increase in the science citation index. This is something where you, the members, can help by submitting some of your best research results. Consider *Applied Geochemistry* when planning to write a review article, and discuss your idea with Michael should you have such plans.

Last but not least, 2018 was the year of the passing of two IAGC luminaries: Tom Bullen and Mel Gascoyne. The IAGC and the wider geochemistry community mourn the passing of these great scientists, colleagues, and friends. For more, I encourage you to read the remembrances for Tom and Mel published in *Applied Geochemistry* (Harmon 2018; Shouakar-Stash et al. 2018), as well as in the *IAGC Newsletter* (No. 68, August 2018; and no. 69, November 2018) which are available from <http://www.iagc-society.org/newsletters.html>.

Finally, I thank the officers, council, and the Business Office Manager for all the help I received during the two years of my term as president, and I wish the best for the IAGC and the incoming officers. I will remain active and strongly supportive of the IAGC.

Philippe Négrel, BRGM, France

Harmon R (2018) Remembrance Melvyn (Mel) Gascoyne, 1948–2018. *Applied Geochemistry* 98: 473

Shouakar-Stash O and 5 coauthors (2018) A remembrance of Thomas (Tom) Bullen, 1951–2018. *Applied Geochemistry* 98: 474–475

INTRODUCING OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT, JODIE MILLER



Although I started out in metamorphic petrology, these days I regard myself as an Earth scientist, with diverse research interests in isotope geochemistry and mineralogy. Much of my work focusses on isotope hydrology and examines the relationship between surface water and groundwater systems, particularly in semi-arid and arid climates on the west coast of southern Africa. My long-term goal is to better understand the sustainability and vulnerability of groundwater systems

and how they will be affected by climate change. In addition to this work, I continue to work in the field of mineralogy with respect to minerals processing and am interested in novel ways in which isotopes can be used to track the minerals processing value chain. Outside of research, I am passionate about teaching and particularly in helping students from disadvantaged backgrounds. I have supervised over 60 postgraduate students from honours level through to PhD and have been the programme coordinator for Earth sciences at Stellenbosch University (South Africa) for over 10 years. I look forward to serving the IAGC during this exciting time of transition to the new IAGC International Conference and will work to continue our mission to promote cooperation and education in geochemistry around the world.

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KEY DATES:

March 1, 2019

Early Registration Deadline

March 30, 2019

Late Bird Deadline