

WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL MINERALOGY (WGEM)

Annual report for the year 2005

Chairman : David Vaughan

The IMA Working Group on Environmental Mineralogy (WGEM) is in the process of being formed with D J Vaughan as initial Chairman.

The first formal event 'sponsored' by the WGEM was a session at the 2005 Goldschmidt Conference in Moscow, Idaho on the subject of "Mineralogy and Geochemistry of Acid Mine Drainage and Metalliferous Minewastes". A total of 22 papers were presented in two sessions, one an oral session and the other a poster session.

Contributors to these sessions have been invited to contribute articles for a special (part) issue of the journal "Applied Geochemistry" which is being (guest) edited by John Jambor and David Vaughan and should appear by mid- 2006.

The WGEM is also convening a session on "Environmental Mineralogy" at the upcoming IMA General Meeting in Kobe, Japan in August-September 2006 and a wide ranging programme of invited and contributed papers is now in the process of being assembled.