INVITATION

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the organizing committee of IMA2006-KOBE, we are very happy to inform you, the participant of IMA2002-Edinburgh, that the 19th General Assembly and Science Meeting of the International Mineralogical Association will be held from July 23rd to 28th, 2006 in Kobe, Japan. We are pleased to invite you and to accept your participation at the conference. We are preparing informative science programs, field excursions, and a social gathering.

They are described in the Second Circular, which is available for downloading from our website; http://www.congre.co.jp/ima2006/. On-line registration has just started on October 1st, 2005. Advance registration with discounted rate must be completed no later than February 28th, 2006. Each participant is encouraged to submit papers on any topic of mineralogical, petrological, or geochemical interest for oral or poster presentation. The abstract submission is also available on-line. Authors must submit abstracts through the IMA2006 website, http://www.congre.co.jp/ima2006/, no later than February 28, 2006.

We look forward to the pleasure of being with you at this conference, and hope it will be an enjoyable and memorable event for all participants.

Yours sincerely,
Takamitsu Yamanaka
Chairman of IMA2006-KOBE
Vice President of IMA

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

The scientific program includes 9 plenary lectures, and oral and poster presentations for 37 sessions covering the following fields:
Mineral Physics and High Pressure Mineralogy
Structural Sciences of Minerals
Crystal Growth
Hydrothermal Process and Mineralization
Petrologic Processes
Planetary Materials  
Environmental and Applied Mineralogy  
Mineral Heritage  
New Frontiers in Mineral Sciences

PLENARY LECTURES
Jillian F. Banfield (Univ. of California, Berkeley, USA)  
"Microbial metabolism and nanoparticle products"

Lukas Baumgartner (Univ. of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
"Metamorphic crystallization and element partitioning"

Michael A. Carpenter (Cambridge Univ., UK)  
"Structural evolution, strain and elasticity of perovskites at high pressures and temperatures"

Christoph A. Heinrich (ETH, Switzerland)  
"From inclusion micro-analysis to large-scale fluid transport in the earth's crust"

Sumio Iijima (Meijo Univ., Japan)  
"Nano-material research learning from mineralogy"

Eiji Ito (Okayama Univ., Japan)  
"Sintered diamond multi-anvil apparatus and its application to mineral physics"

Lindsay P. Keller (NASA, USA)  
"The nature of early solar system and pre-solar materials"

Catherine McCammon (Univ. of Bayreuth, Germany)  
"Microscopic properties to macroscopic behaviour: The influence of iron oxidation state"

Yoshiyuki Tatsumi (JAMSTEC, Japan)  
"The subduction factory: how it operates in the evolving Earth"

FIELD EXCURSIONS
FE1: Epithermal gold deposits in southern Kyushu
FE2: Aso volcano and alkalibasalt including REE-carbonates and zeolites in northern Kyushu
FE3: The Sanbagawa metamorphic rocks in central Shikoku, Japan
FE4: High temperature skarn including new minerals and jadeite-bearing metamorphic rocks in western Honshu
FE5: Cenozoic volcanic rocks, xenoliths and constituent minerals in Shimane Peninsula and Oki Islands, Japan Sea
FE6: Hydrothermal activity and associated metallic mineralization in Hokkaido
FE7: Pb-Zn skarn deposits of the Kamioka mine and jadeitite blocks: Development of the Hida and Hida marginal belts in central Japan
FE8: Northeast Honshu Arc Transection - Arc volcanism from Cretaceous to Present -
FE9: Crustal section and anatexis of lower crust and subduction-
related high-pressure
type metamorphism in the Hidaka and Kamuikotan metamorphic belts,
Hokkaido, Japan

IMPORTANT DATES
Abstract
Abstract submission begins on-line : October 1, 2005
Abstract submission deadline : February 28, 2006
Meeting Registration
Registration begins on-line : October 1, 2005
Advance registration deadline : February 28, 2006
Field Excursions
Registration begins on-line : October 1, 2005
Field Excursions deadline : April 23, 2006
Registration will not be accepted beyond the number of positions available
Accommodation and Optional Tours
Hotel and Optional Tours application deadline : June 23, 2006

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