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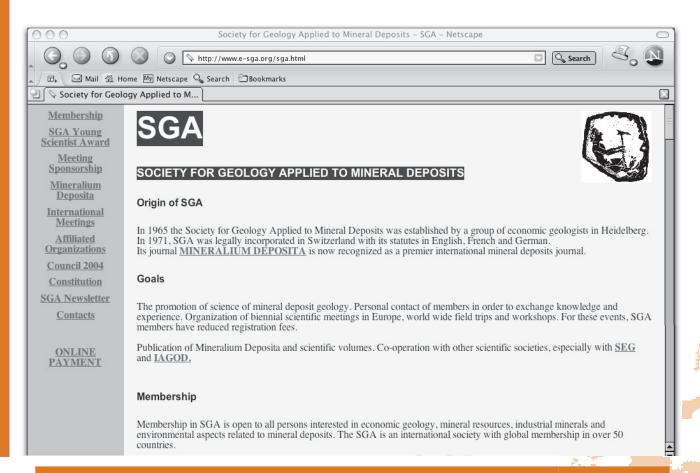
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The 2006 edition of the UNESCO-SEG-SGA Latin American Course on Metallogeny will be held at the Universidad Católica del Norte (Chile) from 6th to 17th June 2006. The course is sponsored by the UNESCO, SEG and SGA with the confirmed support of the KFSE-COSUDE, Universidad Católica del Norte, IGME, Placer Dome, and several mining companies and local institutions. The course will focus on the geology and geochemistry of mineralization related to orogenic magmatism, the geochemistry of hydrothermal processes and the geology and genesis of porphyry-, epithermal and IOCG ore forming systems. International instructors that have confirmed include Thomas Bissig (Universidad Católica del Norte), Eduardo Campos (University of Concepción), Larryn Diamond (University of Bern), Lluis Fontboté (University of Geneve), Diego Morata (Universidad de Chile), Fernando Tornos (Instituto Geológico y Minero de España) and Richard Tosdal (University of British Columbia). A six day field trip to major IOCG, porphyry and epithermal deposits of the northern Chile will follow the theoretical classes.

UNESCO, KFSE-COSUDE, SEG, SGA and Placer Dome fund grants for covering costs of Latin American students.

More information about the course, the detailed program and the application forms are posted in the website http://www.unige.ch/sciences/terre/mineral/seminars/latinometal.html

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# GEOCHIM Courses celebrate their 30th Anniversary: 1975-2005

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#### Introduction

It has been tradition to organize very successful UNESCO Postgraduate Courses on Geochemical Prospecting Methods in the former Czechoslovakia from mid 70 's. The first certificated course - GEOCHIM PRAHA UNESCO 1975 was launched on September 5, 1975. Since that time this course has been organized biannually by the Czech Geological Survey in Prague together with the Dionýz Štúr Geological Survey in Bratislava and sponsored by the Division of Earth Sciences (UNESCO/Paris) and the International Association of Geochemistry and Cosmochemistry (IAGS). The course was specialized on both theoretical and practical training in classical geochemical prospecting methods.

The major political and economic changes initiated in 1989 and which led to a split up of the former Czechoslovakia into two independent countries - the Czech and Slovak Republic have had a significant impact on the evolution of earth sciences and related mining activities. Following decades of extensive exploration programmes and also underground and surface exploitation, new policies have been formed which will result in a more responsible approach to the environment.

A very old and famous prospecting and mining tradition, coupled with a strong emphasis on environmental issues, are reflected in the character of a newly recovered certificated GEOCHIM Postgraduate Training Course, which has been organized by the Czech Geological Survey jointly with UNESCO and SGA. This course offers more complete view, showing how classical geochemical prospecting methods can be successfully used in the solution of various environmental problems.

From 1999 through 2004 six courses were organized and 81 participants representing over 30 mostly developing countries were trained both theoretically and practically in the geochemical exploration methods and their environmental applications.

#### GEOCHIM/UNESCO/SGA 2005

This, already seventh course was held in Prague and Dolní Rožínka (Czech Republic) from September 5-19, 2005 and fourteen participants (of whom 8 were female) from Egypt, Iran, Macedonia, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Peru, Republic of South Africa, Romania, Russia, Ukraine participated in the course activities. The course was organized by the Czech Geological Survey and Society for Geology Applied to Mineral Deposits (SGA) under the auspices of the Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic, Czech Commission for UNESCO and the Czech IGCP National Committee and financially sponsored by the Czech Geological Survey, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences - UNESCO/Paris (through the contract no.45000 26126), North Bohemian Mines j.s.c., Czech Commission for UNESCO and Society for Geology Applied to Mineral Deposits (SGA).

It should be noted that the course was officially launched on September 6th, 2005 in the headquarters of the Czech Geological Survey in Prague by opening speeches delivered by Mr. M. Pastvinský (Director, Department of Global Relations, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic), Mr. K. Komárek (Executive Secretary, Czech Commission for UNESCO), Mr. Jakub Hruška (Deputy-Director, Czech Geological Survey), Mr. Z. Kukal (the former Director of the Czech Geological Survey) and Mr. J. Pašava (Director, Geochim Courses and SGA Executive Secretary).

Lectures, seminars and practical field training started on September 7th, 2005 in Dolní Rožínka and included the following subjects: (1.) Introduction to the geochemical prospecting methods, (2.) Principles of environmental geochemistry, (3.) Principles of analytical methods, (4.) Heavy minerals prospecting and evaluation of HM concentrates with environmental applications, (5.) Stream sediment prospecting with environmental applications, (6.) Soil prospecting with environmental applications, (7.) Biogeochemical prospecting with en-

vironmental applications, (8.) Lithogeochemical prospecting, (9.) Hydrogeochemical prospecting with environmental applications, (10.) Geophysical prospecting methods with environmental application and radon risk, and (11.) Computer modeling of prospecting and environmental data. The programme also included two invited lectures. B. Orberger (France) covered various issues related to the formation and use of BIF in the world while C. Quantin (France) talked about Cr in tropical soils and agricultural products.

Individual lectures covering various geochemical methods, which were presented during morning sessions, were followed by afternoon practical field and computer training. The underground visit to the uranium mine as well as processing plant and remediated sites at Dolní Rožínka (Moravia) and also full day field trip observing surface lignite mining operations and examples of various types of remediation in the North Bohemian Coal Basin (North Bohemia) were a part of this course. The aim of these visits was to demonstrate possible ways of effective usage of geochemical methods in both prospecting and environmental fields.

The following special textbooks were prepared for the purpose of the GEOCHIM Postgraduate Training Course on the Geochemical Prospecting Methods and Their Environmental Applications:

Pašava, J. and Kríbek, B., (eds.), 2003, Geochemical prospecting methods and their environmental applications. Special Publication, 144 p., Czech Geological Survey, Prague, ISBN 80-7075-602-0.

Pašava, J., Godány, J. and Mašek, D. (eds.), 2005, Geochim 2005 Postgraduate Training Course - Field trip guide to the North Bohemia (2005). MS, Czech Geological Survey, 11 pages.

Conclusions and future plans

It is apparent that renewed GEOCHIM Courses have become very popular among geoscientists from especially developing Number 20 March 2006 SGA News 23 <<<

countries. Many participants very highly appreciated both organization and scientific level of the course through their personal letters mailed either to organizers or to Mr. R. Missotten from the Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO, Paris.

Moreover, the organizers have already started seeking funds for GEOCHIM 2006, which should be organized in September 2006, if sufficient funding available.

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More information on the GEOCHIM 2005 Postgraduate Course is available at http://www.geology.cz/host/geochim.htm or from pasava@cgu.cz or masek@cgu.cz

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GEOCHIM 2005 participants during heavy mineral prospecting in the Dolní Rožínka region, Czech Republic. Photo by J. Pašava



GEOCHIM 2005 participants after practicing water sampling in the Dolní Rožínka region, Czech Republic. Photo by J. Pašava



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Training Course in Exploration and Environmental Geochemistry



Organized by the Czech Geological Survey, Prague and



Prague and Dolní Rozínka Czech Republic September 4-18, 2006

#### Aims of the course

Certificated postgraduate course aims at providing knowledge of important geochemical methods widely used in the prospecting for ore deposits and at showing their ap-plications in the solution of environmental problems. Individual lectures covering various geochemical meth-ods will be accompanied by practical field and also com-puter training. The course will be followed by a 3 day field trip visiting ongoing open and underground mining operations and processing plants as well as abandoned mining sites with the aim to demonstrate possible ways of effective usage of geochemical methods in both explora-tion and environmental issues.

#### Contents of the course

Principles of exploration and environmental geochemis-try, exploration and environmental applications of soil geochemistry, stream sediments, heavy minerals, biogeochemical, lithogeochemical, hydrogeochemical, geo-physical and radiometric studies with practical field and computer training.

Language of the course English.

#### Other information

For technical reasons, the number of participants has to be restricted to 15 persons. Tuition fees including the cost of printed handouts is USD 100 for university postgraduate students, USD 200 for personnel from state agencies such as geological surveys and USD 400 for staff members of private companies. The organizers will cover accommodation, travel-ling and meals during the course so that no per diems are provided. International travelling to Prague is not in-cluded.

A diploma will be awarded to each successful partici-pant.

#### Insurance

No travel insurance will be organized for any of the course participants. All participants are reminded that they should organize their own personal insurance for all aspects of the course and field excursions. The organizers shall accept no responsibility whatsoever for any damage, loss, personal injury or death suffered by any participant during the course and associated field excursions.

#### Place

Prague (2 days), Dolní Rozínka - Hotel Duo (40 km North of Brno).

Duration 4 - 18 September 2006

#### Application procedure

Applicants must have a good knowledge of English and the fundamentals of geochemistry. A BSc degree or equivalent is the minimum requirement. The application form together with a short CV should be sent to organizers not later than March 15, 2006. Letter of acceptance with detailed programme, travel and payment instructions will be sent to selected applicants during May 2006.

Deadline for application: March 15, 2006

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9th BIENNIAL SGA MEETING, Dublin, Ireland - Contasct address: Elva Hickey or Nicola Mc Grane, Conference Partners Ltd, 96 Haddington Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4; phone: + 353 1 6677188; fax: +353 1 6643701; e-mail: elva@conferencepartners.ie , nicola@conferencepartners.ie. Scientific Programme and General Enquiries: Gerry Stanley, Geological Survey of Ireland; e-mail: gerry.stanley@gsi.ie; website: http://www.cpregistrations.com/sga2007/

#### October 28-31

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING, Denver, Colorado, USA – Contact address: GSA Meetings Department, P.O. Box 9140, Boulder, CO 80301-9140, USA; phone: +1 303 447 2020; fax: +1 303 447 0648; e-mail; meetings@geosociety.org; website: http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/index.htm

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#### August 5-14

33rd International Geological Congress (IGC 2008): Nordic Countries: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Iceland. Lillestrom, Norway – Contact address: website: www.ngu.no/igc2008