

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOCHEMISTRY



2020 Report to our Members

Thank you for being a member of the European Association of Geochemistry! We are glad to present you with a summary of our activities and finances for 2020.

The European Association of Geochemistry (EAG) was established with the goal of promoting geochemistry internationally and in particular providing a forum for the presentation of geochemistry, exchange of ideas, publications and recognition of scientific excellence.

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What does EAG do for the geochemical community?

- Organization of **Goldschmidt** Conferences in Europe
- Publication of two open access journals: *Geochemical Perspectives Letters* (no page charges) and *Geochemical Perspectives*
- Free publication of **job opportunities** – over 300 positions were advertised in 2020!
- Recognition of scientific excellence through **awards**
- **Support for Early Career Scientists** through the Student Sponsorship Program, Early Career Ambassador Program and Short Course & Conference Sponsorship Program
- **Distinguished Lecture Program** in Eastern Europe and **Outreach Program** in Africa
- **Member networking** through a dedicated platform and forum
- **Communication** through monthly newsletters (sent to >14,000), social media, blog



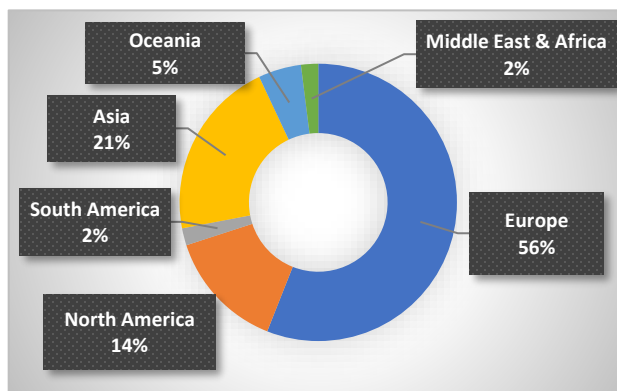
EAG Membership

The EAG has **3,150 members in 78 countries** (as of 31 Dec 2020), including 56% in Europe. EAG membership is made up of 68% professional members and 32% student members.

2020 Highlights:

- New membership platform allowing each member to create their profile and make it visible to other members, therefore enabling EAG members to connect with each other based on location, interests or more.
- New Forum for members to ask questions, share resources and have discussions with other members. Topics include science, careers, education, teaching, etc.

Geographical distribution of EAG members:



Goldschmidt Conference

The Goldschmidt® Conference is a joint annual meeting of the European Association of Geochemistry and Geochemical Society, and in even-numbered years, the organization of the meeting is overseen by the Geochemical Society. Due to the pandemic, the 2020 conference was converted to a fully online meeting. The organizers and staff achieved this monumental task in three months. Registration fees were reduced by more than 80% and many people who could not have traveled to the in-person conference were able to participate.

View more information in the [conference report](#) published in Elements August 2020 issue.

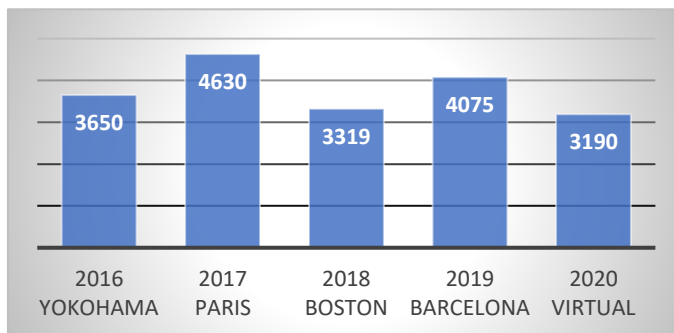
Goldschmidt2020 main statistics:

Participants	3,190
Countries represented	63
Students	44%
Themes	14
Mentors / Mentees	116 / 247

‘Back stage’ – preparing Goldschmidt2021:

Following decisions to change the organization of EAG-led Goldschmidt conferences as well as move to a new software provider, in 2020, EAG staff were hard at work with making all the necessary preparations for Goldschmidt2021.

Number of participants at Goldschmidt conferences:



EAG Publications



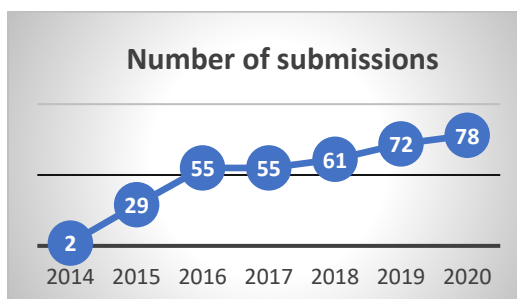
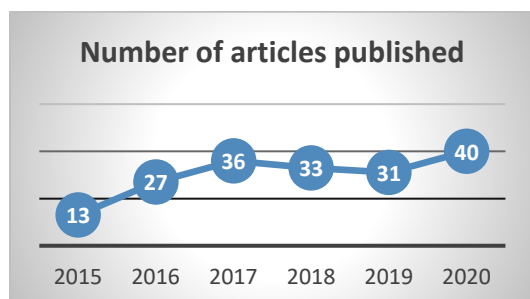
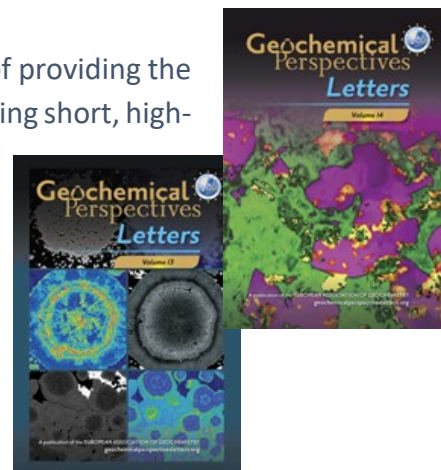
The European Association of Geochemistry publishes two open access community journals and participates in [Elements](#).

Geochemical Perspectives Letters (GPL)

[Geochemical Perspectives Letters](#) was created in 2015 by EAG with the goal of providing the geochemistry community with an open access, peer-reviewed journal, publishing short, high-quality articles spanning geochemical sciences. GPL is produced by and for the geochemical community and carries NO page charges.

2020 Highlights:

- 40 articles were published – 199 articles published to date
- 78 submissions were received – 396 to date
- 2019 impact factor: 4.45 | 2020 impact factor: 5.56
- Expansion of the [editorial board](#) to 14 editors
- **NEW** website provider and **NEW** production process to bring costs down therefore allowing us to continue publishing GPL as platinum open access (i.e. no APC)



Geochemical Perspectives (GP)

[Geochemical Perspectives](#) has existed since 2012 and 22 issues have now been published. Contributions to GP are invited and each issue presents the evolution of a field of geochemistry, seen through the eyes of highly respected scientists. Each issue is fully open access and EAG members receive the print version of new issues (or can opt to receive it online only).

2020 Highlights:

- 2 new issues by Lawrence Meinert and Bernard Marty
- 181 citations in 2020 | 2020 Impact Factor: 3.0
- 3,015 downloads in 2020 | Over 37,000 downloads to date
- One new editor joined the [editorial board](#)
- **NEW** GPL website with new e-shop to purchase print copies of past issues



Sponsorship of Geochemistry Events

The EAG sponsors small conferences, workshops and short courses around the world as part of its efforts to support training opportunities for students and early career scientists in geochemistry. The following events (originally scheduled to take place in 2020 but postponed due to the pandemic) received EAG sponsorship at the level of €1,000 each:

- 2nd International Conference on Contaminated Sediments
- 8th International Clumped Isotope Workshop

Find out more about the [EAG Short Course & Conference Sponsorship Program](#), which now supports onsite, hybrid or online events. The application deadline is **30 November** every year.

Support to Early Careers

Supporting Early Career Scientists is at the heart of the EAG's mission, and through the [Student Sponsorship Program](#) and the [Early Career Ambassador Program](#), EAG directly funds junior scientists to attend the events of their choice. Due to the pandemic, the scope of the programs was modified to support attendance at online events.

In 2020, **5 students** received funding to attend conferences or short courses online, for a total of €1,769.

Outreach

The EAG has developed key programs aimed at developing activities and opportunities for students and researchers in geochemistry throughout the world, especially those in under-represented regions.

- [Distinguished Lecture Program in Eastern Europe](#)

Juan Diego Rodriguez Blanco (Trinity College Dublin, Ireland) was selected as our 2020 Distinguished Lecturer but, due to the pandemic, he was not able to visit institutions in Eastern Europe. Several lectures will be provided online in 2021 and we hope that the program will resume normally in 2022.



Juan Diego Rodriguez Blanco

- [EAG-GS Outreach Program in Africa](#)

Hasnaa Chennaoui Aoudjehane (Hassan II University of Casablanca) is the current Lecturer of the EAG-GS Outreach Program in Africa. Hasnaa held workshops and lectures in Mauritania, Egypt and Tunisia in 2019, and was supposed to continue the program in 2020, but the pandemic has put the program on hold for the moment and we are considering other options for the near future.



Hasnaa Chennaoui Aoudjehane



New DEI Committee

In 2020, a new [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee](#) was established with the vision of uniting the membership in collective efforts to challenge the status quo, transform community culture, and address system-wide and structural barriers to participation in geochemistry and cosmochemistry.



The energetic EAG DEI Committee works in collaboration with the GS DEI Committee and is organized into several groups, which make recommendations to the DEI Committees, the EAG Council, and/or the GS Board.

The EAG DEI Committee has already had a valuable impact on some society activities and initiatives, as well as at the recent Goldschmidt2021 conference.

Awards

Recognizing scientific excellence is a core value of the society, and in 2020, the EAG presented five [awards](#) and 12 [Geochemistry Fellows](#) honors.

In 2020, the EAG expanded the scope of the [H.C. Urey Award](#), recognizing outstanding contributions over a career, to include the broader contributions candidates have made to the community. Further changes were made to all awards in 2021 following the recommendations of the EAG and GS DEI Committees.

Finances

Income	2020	2019
Membership dues	33,770	43,988
Goldschmidt Conference	900	2,344,064
Royalties and Open Access Contributions	29,019	23,601
Donations	390	1,035
Others	293	2,293
Total Income	64,372	2,414,981

Expenses	2020	2019
Personnel expenses	109,857	112,275
General expenses	44,327	47,523
Goldschmidt Conference	5,892	1,888,692
Publications	67,858	93,881
Programs and Awards	6,769	24,009
Total Expenses	234,703	2,166,380

Net Surplus / Loss	-170,331	248,601
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All figures are in Euros.



The EAG receives revenues from the Goldschmidt Conference when it oversees its organization in odd-numbered years (the Geochemical Society receives revenues in even-numbered years).

Any surplus from the European Goldschmidt conferences is directly returned to the community to finance the initiatives and expenses of the society. Those initiatives, as described in the previous pages, include the creation of open access publications such as *Geochemical Perspectives* or *Geochemical Perspectives Letters*, the participation in *Elements Magazine*, the support of Early Career Scientists and geochemistry related events, the dissemination of knowledge through Outreach Programs, and the recognition of scientific excellence.

The society is run by volunteers and employs two staff members. We wish to stress that those volunteers receive neither compensation nor preferential treatment for their time and commitment (all of them, including the EAG President, pay full registration fees at Goldschmidt conferences).

All EAG financial records have been signed off by the accounting firm [In Extenso](#).

Thank you!

We would like to thank all the members of the EAG Council, the EAG committees, the Editors of our publications, as well as all Goldschmidt theme chairs, conveners and panelists who volunteer their time and energy for the support and running of the society and its activities. We also thank all our donors for their financial contributions.

We invite you to contact the EAG Office at office@eag.eu.com for any questions.