

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 1991 Martin Vivaldi Award

The winner of the 1991 Martin Vivaldi Award is Dr B. B. Smoliar-Zviagina from the Geological Institute of the USSR Academy of Sciences in Moscow for her paper entitled "Relationships between structural parameters and chemical composition of 2:1 phyllosilicates". The award is sponsored by the European Clay Groups Association and financed by the Sociedad Espanola de Arcillas.

Spring Meeting, 1992

The 1992 Spring Meeting of the Clay Minerals Group will be held from 8–10 April at St. Austell, Cornwall and will be hosted by English China Clays International. The theme is "Characterization of Clay Particle Shape and Size" and a keynote lecture will be given by B. R. Jennings. There will be a visit to the local kaolin workings and the new laboratories of ECCI. Further details are available from Dr. Ian Wilson, Overseas Geological Services, R & D, John Keay House, St. Austell, Cornwall PL25 4DJ (telephone 0726 818018; telefax 0726 8818929).

12th Conference on Clay Mineralogy and Petrology

This conference will be held in Bratislava from 31 August to 4 September 1992, the main topics being geological, mineralogical and chemical aspects of clay and zeolite research and its applications. There will also be a field trip to Hungary to see a basalt bentonite deposit (Egyházaskeszö), a brick clay deposit (Pápa) and a bauxite deposit (Iharkut). Further information can be obtained from Dr Vladimir Šucha, Geological Institute Slovak Academy of Sciences, Dúbravská cesta 9, 842 26 Bratislava, Czechoslovakia.

Mediterranean Clay Meeting

The Italian Group of AIPEA is organising a meeting at Lipari (Isole Eolie) from 27–30 September, 1992 on the following topics: weathering and pedogenesis in the Mediterranean area; clays and volcanic activity; marine clay sediments; industrial clays in the Mediterranean area; ancient clay manufacturing. There will also be associated field trips. The contact for further details is Profssa M. C. Nannetti, Dipto di Scienze Mineralogiche, Pza S. Donato, 1-40126 Bologna, Italy (telephone 051 243556; telefax 051 243336).