

## Minutes of the GMPV business meeting

Tuesday 5th April, Room 20

Present : Paolo Palale (outgoing president), Nick Arndt (incoming president), Piere de Groot (isotopes in geosciences), Massimo Coltorti (petrology), Max Wilke (mineralogy), Mike Burton (volcanology) plus about 70 participants

Paolo Papale presented the activities of the division. He showed that the number of abstracts submitted to EGU2011 was slightly lower than in 2010, due in part to the “Goldschmidt effect”: when this large geochemistry conference is in Europe, many geochemistry attend it and not EGU. Nonetheless abstracts to sessions organized or co-organized by GMPV represent about 10% of all abstracts. He introduced Solid Earth, described the advantages of open-access, and urged GMPV members to contribute to the journal. He listed the membership of the awards committees and presented certificates to recipients of last year’s outstanding student posters. He gave dates of the next EGU meetings and urged participants to contribute to the activities of the division.

Pier de Groot presented the Isotopes in Geochemistry subgroup and described how its activity meshed with those of other parts of the GMPV division.

Nick Arndt introduced incoming science officers: Olivier Jagoutz of MIT (geochemistry) and Mike Burton of Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia (volcanology) and new members of the Bunsen medal committee (Michael Manga and Mark Ghiorso). He then gave his ideas about the future operation of the division: then main aim is to bring the standard of sessions and talks in the fields of geochemistry and mineralogy to the current high level of volcanology and petrology. He will encourage close cooperation with the VPG division of AGU and the development of sessions on major topics in all GMPV fields, convened by internationally known conveners who can attract participation from top-level scientists.

Questions from the audience concerned the interaction between the GMPV (EGU) and VPG (AGU) divisions, the operation of EGU open-access publications, and the proportion and organisation of poster sessions at EGU