

Minutes of GMPV division meeting

Thursday 11 April, 12:15 – 13:15

The room was three quarters full with about 60 -70 in attendance. Arndt gave a 30-minute talk (ppt attached) followed by about 20 minutes of discussion.

The main issues raised were:

- **A lower number of abstracts in 2013.** The zig-zag rate of participation at GMPV sessions, as measured by the number of abstracts received, due to the “Goldschmidt” effect. Arndt asked what might be done to change this; the response was that the situation was not so bad; that the numbers attending the sessions were very encouraging; that it is not a bad thing to have a smaller number of well-attended sessions
- **Replacement of Mineralogy Secretary.** The term of Max Schmidt is coming to an end and two good candidates have come forward; one in the field of high-temperature mantle mineralogy, the other in metamorphic mineralogy. A possible solution is to accept both.
- **Program.** Although two participants were not happy about overlap of sessions on mantle processes, in general the program was thought to be good. The general perception of the level of the talks and scientific discussion was positive.
- **PICOs** Apart from one participant who thought that 3-minutes was far too short for the oral presentations (he suggested 7-10 minutes, which rather defeats the purpose of a PICO) most participants were very positive. Someone complained that he could not load his >10MB talk and asked for greater capacity
- **GMPV(EGU) VGP(EGU) cooperation.** Catherine McCammon, President of VGP was in attendance and she described the actions already taken and outlined future plans: common identification of themes for the scientific sessions at EGU and AGU General Assemblies; opening of the Division mailing lists to both Divisions; cross-participation in Medal and Award committees; possible joint VGP-GMPV awards. A note will be sent to council asking that these plans be discussed at the Fall council meeting.
- A specific request was that, in next year’s tools for program preparation, a box could be ticked to indicate that the session is co-sponsored by GMPV and VGP.
- Sue Kay, future president of the Geological Society of America (GSA), suggested that cooperation could also be extended to the appropriate section in that organisation.
- The possibility of holding the division meeting in the evening was discussed and met with general approval. Arndt would enquire at council whether this would be possible.