

# SMP NEWSLETTER

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## Denver Meetings

Date: Friday, September 14, 2018

Place: Denver Merchandise Mart

Board meeting: 2:00 – 2:30 PM

Membership meeting: 2:30 – 4:00 PM

### DENVER EXHIBIT: "Mexican Firsts"

This year's theme includes minerals first discovered in Mexico, first registered specimen in your collection etc. This year there will be a Curator's tours on the Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Leslie Moclock ([leslie@ricenorthwestmuseum.org](mailto:leslie@ricenorthwestmuseum.org)) and the listserv ([smmp@listserv.nhm.org](mailto:smmp@listserv.nhm.org)), if you plan on participating.

## AGENDA FOR DENVER MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of the Tucson and Ste. Marie minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Membership Report
6. Collections/Curators Committee Report
7. Education Committee - Denver outreach; Tucson program and case
8. SMMP Grant Program
9. New Business

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to everyone after a long, hot summer. I am hoping everyone had a joyful and productive summer. This summer was busy with a lot of key conferences, namely IMA in Australia. A huge congratulations to Mike Rumsey for becoming chair of Mineral and Museums Commission of the IMA. I was also sorry to hear that George Harlow was unable to make IMA this year as he was in a bike accident. I wish George a speedy recovery and hope the planning of the new gallery is going well.

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SMMP Europe has had a successful third meeting in Ste Marie aux Mines (SMAM) with nineteen attendees. Thank you to all who attended and for minutes of this meeting the link is below or on the SMMP website. The Munich show is on the horizon for SMMP Europe (Oct 26th to 28th) and the learnings from Education committee in Denver will help with the education outreach at Munich. If you are attending the Munich show and want to get involved, please contact Eloise for more details.

Leslie, education committee, and her team have been working hard with the organizers of the Denver show to promote the new educational initiatives at the show this coming September. A report from the team post-show will be shared with SMMP Europe to tweak the outreach offerings in Munich. The case in Denver is "Mexican Firsts" and it will prove to be a fun to see how each museum fits into that theme. I have been told by the Denver organizer that Canada will be the theme in 2019.

On a personal note, I had mixed emotions when I read the email that Leslie is leaving the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals. We wish her well in her move and we hope that Julian Gray gets great candidates that apply for the open position. Leslie will continue to serve on the SMMP Board.

Just a reminder that SMMP has Facebook and the listserv to communicate any initiatives you are working on or need to advertise. Leslie, Eloise and I are moderators on the FB site and Tony is the webmaster of the listserv and website. If you have anything pertinent, please post them to the listserv or facebook SMMP site. If you are having difficulties, then reach out to the team for support. Communication is key especially in an organization that is so geographical diverse as ours.

Looking ahead, M&M9 Bulgaria is up and coming. I am told that the website is being worked on now and we look forward to a fulsome update from Mike Rumsey at the SMMP Tucson meeting. We all look forward to this conference and how SMMP can support IMA CM.

On a more social note, SMMP will be organizing a social night on the Monday or Tuesday before the main show (Feb 11/12th, 2018). It will give newcomers to the group and those who feel Tucson is so hectic, some face time to get to know people in less formal environment. The venue will be the bar at La Posada hotel. Details will be forthcoming once confirmed.

For those who are traveling to Denver and Munich, safe travels and I look forward to connecting with you all in Tucson.

Very best,  
Katherine



## **MEETING MINUTES**

MINUTES OF THE TUCSON MEETING (February 2018)

[www.smmp.net/min18f.pdf](http://www.smmp.net/min18f.pdf)

MINUTES OF THE STE. MARIE-AUX-MINES MEETING (June 2018)

[www.smmp.net/min18j.pdf](http://www.smmp.net/min18j.pdf)

## UPCOMING SMMP MEETINGS

### SMMP Munich 2018

4:00 pm, Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

Location to be determined

### SMMP Informal Gathering – Tucson

Monday or Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

La Posada, Oracle Road

All welcome

### SMMP Tucson 2019

Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm: General meeting

5:00 pm: Program

Tucson Convention Center



## BEST PRACTICES PROJECT

"Best practices" documents are posted on the SMMP website:

BEST PRACTICES REPORT NO. 1: Research Sampling of Collections

BEST PRACTICES REPORT NO. 2: Moving Specimens

We are actively looking for more volunteers to author other best practice documents.



## SMMP AFFILIATIONS

American Geological Institute (AGI)

Natural Science Collections Alliance (NSCA)

Although the Society of Mineral Museum Professionals maintains no official ties with the Commission on Museums (CM) of the International Mineralogical Association (IMA), the Commission resolved at its December, 2000, meeting in Melbourne, Australia, to support SMMP's efforts in uniting mineral museum professionals worldwide.

## SMMP LIST SERVER

You are encouraged to interact with your fellow SMMP members via our list server:

[smmp@listserv.nhm.org](mailto:smmp@listserv.nhm.org)

Please remember that when you reply to an email sent via our list server, you will be replying to the sender, although you have the option of copying the membership.

Tony Kampf processes additions to and deletions from the list server. That way we limit the list to our membership . Note that you are only able to send via the list server from your email address that is on the list server. This should be the same one that is used in our on-line roster.



## SMMP FACEBOOK PAGE

You are encouraged to interact and post on our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/TheSMMP/](http://www.facebook.com/TheSMMP/)

Post relevant and interesting news and events, post pictures and share content. Eloïse and Katherine are administrators of the page, monitor content and answer inquiries. Facebook is more public facing and an opportunity to show people the work we do as well to connect with other museum professionals. More confidential content should be streamed through the listserv.



## PAYING DUES

SMMP dues are \$10.00 U.S., payable to Anna Domitrovic, treasurer, 6118 W. Lazy Heart Street, Tucson, AZ 85713. Any directory changes or additions should be sent to Tony Kampf. In Europe, dues can be remitted to Eloïse Gaillou (eloise.gaillou@mines-paristech.fr) Musée de Minéralogie MINES ParisTech, 60 Boulevard St. Michel, 75272 Paris (however, it is preferable for you to use PayPal, as noted below).

**To make paying your dues easier (especially for non-US members),** a PayPal account has been established and installed on our website. You can use your credit card or your own personal PayPal account. Just go to our [Dues webpage](#).

Note that you can check your dues payment status on the [SMMP on-line roster](#). The year shown in the last column indicates the last year for which you have paid. If you are delinquent, please remit your dues payment as soon as possible.