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Denver Meeting

Date: Friday, September 13th, 2019

Place: TBD, Denver Mart, Main Show

Board meeting: 2:00 – 2:30 PM

Membership meeting: 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Program: SMMP Tours with Curators

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The SMMP Museum Education Tours in Denver

Saturday, September 14th, starting at the Info desk

11am - Ed Raines, Colorado School of Mines

12pm- Katherine Dunnell, Royal Ontario Museum

1pm—Richard Sauer, Western Museum of Mining and Industry

2pm—Kevin Czaja, Harvard Mineral Museum

3pm—Ryan Roney, Tellus Science Museum

4pm—Bill Wray, Wray Mineral Museum

DENVER EXHIBIT:

“Calcium and Sodium Minerals of Canada”

Please email SMMP via the mineralmuseums@googlegroups.com for participation.

DENVER AGENDA

1. Call to Order (Dunnell)
2. Introductions with details on Institution cases for Curators tours (All)
3. Technical Report Discussion—(Dunnell)
4. Collections/Curators Committee Report (Lueth)
5. Education Committee - Tucson 2019 & Denver 2019 exhibits
(Denver)
6. Jean DeMouthe Legacy Update
7. General business
 - Update on M&M, Bulgaria 2020
 - Call for help on Education Committee

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Colleagues,

Good-bye summer and welcome back. I am hoping everyone had a productive summer filled with fieldwork, yardwork, cottaging and traveling. As the academic year starts, it is a good time to reflect on SMMP's upcoming shows and meetings.

For SMMP, this year has been about expanding our outreach, connecting with our membership and reminding the public why museums are important have been top priorities year and is reflected in our membership of 184 members representing 25 countries around the world.

As some of you are aware (118 of you to be precise), there is a new Google Groups posting group to replace the listserv that is no longer being supported. This new "listserv" is by invitation only and there are currently 48 members who have not accepted the invite. If you would like access to the mineralmuseums@googlegroups.com group, please email me (katherin@rom.on.ca) so I can invite you and work out any kinks (SPAM filters etc). PSA on Google Groups—Please know that when you reply it acts like reply all to a post and everyone will also receive the email.

We have heard the feedback from the membership on the timing of the program in Tucson. We are looking at some changes to our AGM and Program structure this year, so stay tuned when we have finalized our program with the Tucson organizers.

Munich is fast approaching, and there will be an announcement to the membership on the meeting and details of that SMMP meeting. Denver is in a few weeks and the Education Committee, lead by Leslie Moclock, has organized curator tours and a case at the main show. A big thanks for the hard work and wrangling to get an SMMP outreach program on the floor in Denver. As well, please visit the website to see the first circular for the M&M meeting in Bulgaria, 2020.

Don't forget Facebook! Eloise has really been the main promoter of content on our Facebook site, and deserves many thanks for her time and effort. As well, Eloise was the main driver of the virtual showcase in partnership with Mindat for those who are unable to travel with specimens to Tucson. It is a fabulous idea and one that was well received by all.

I look forward to seeing you all in Tucson. Safe travels.

Very best, Katherine

Recent Group Photos

(go to www.smmp.net/photos.htm for all group photos.)



Tucson 2019



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SMMP GOOGLE GROUPS—NEW!!

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

mineralmuseums@googlegroups.com

Please remember that, when you reply to an email sent via our Google Group, you will be replying to all the membership. Reply and Reply All act the same way in Google Groups. Know if you want to email someone a response, to click their email address to reply to them directly.

The SMMP Google Group is a closed group, by invite only. If you are not currently a member of our Google Group, please email Katherine Dunnell (katherin@rom.on.ca) so she can invite you to the group.

SMMP FACEBOOK PAGE

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

www.facebook.com/TheSMMP/

Post relevant and interesting news and events, post pictures and share content. Eloïse and Leslie are administrators of the page, monitor content and answer inquiries. More confidential content should be streamed through the listserv.

SMMP AFFILIATIONS

[American Geological Institute \(AGI\)](#)

[Natural Science Collections Alliance \(NSCA\)](#)

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.

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.