

## Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Ireland Student Bursary Award 2009

Thanks to the support of the Mineralogical Society I was able to attend and present at the European Geophysical Union Conference in Vienna, from 19-24<sup>th</sup> April.

The session I presented in was not on until the Friday, so I had the entire week to settle into conference life, plan what sessions I could go to and of course, mingle. The sheer size of the conference is unbelievable but the amount of experience and networking possible really makes it an exciting opportunity that should not be missed. Everyday at EGU was filled with something new whether it was new sessions, people, food or places. I met a large number of like minded people and with the size of the conference hall not a day went by that you didn't walk for miles!

My PhD project is about fluid flow through fault zones and how the fluid-rock chemical interactions affect fault evolution. My project is without a doubt multidisciplinary and so EGU was the perfect place to meet scientists from all possible angles including seismology, rock physics, geochemistry and isotopes. On the Friday I presented my work at the Earthquakes, fluids and metamorphism session. It was a great chance to let other researchers know what I was doing and see what they thought of my work. During the poster session I got some excellent conversations about my research and really great comments. It was a very encouraging experience and not only did I make some great contacts but returned to Glasgow rejuvenated and excited to get straight back into my research.

I would like to finish by thanking the Mineralogical Society for providing me with the bursary and consequently the opportunity to attend EGU to present my work.

Thanks

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