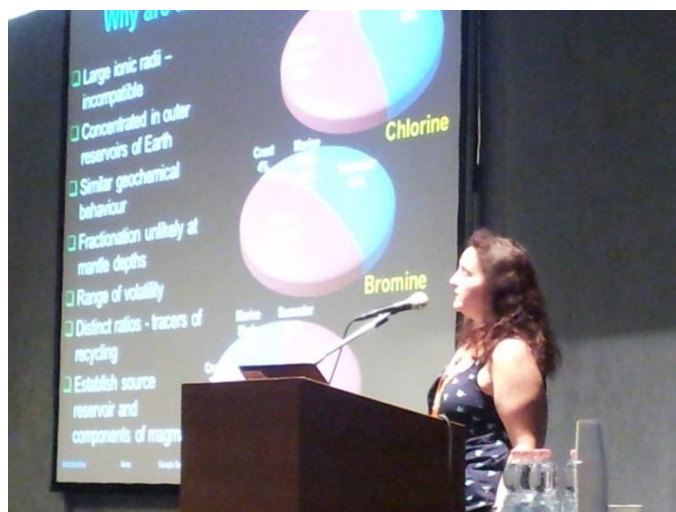


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DINGUE 3 and Goldschmidt 2013, Florence, Italy – 24th to 30th August, 2013



Thanks to the grant that I received from the Mineralogical Society, I was able to attend both Goldschmidt 2013, and the pre-conference workshop, DINGUE 3 (Developments in Noble Gas Understanding and Expertise).

DINGUE is an excellent platform for noble gas researchers to present and discuss their data. Over 70 delegates attended the workshop, from PhD students to leaders in the field, which provided me with excellent networking opportunities, and a chance to meet up with collaborators both old and new.

The timing of the workshop, prior to Goldschmidt, is ideal – giving everyone an opportunity to present their results to others in their field in a friendly and encouraging environment, helping to ease any nerves before presenting at a major conference! I presented my PhD research on “Halogens in basalts of the Azores, Canaries, and Tristan da Cunha”. My talk was well received, and I had some excellent and helpful discussions and feedback about my results, which I then used to help me improve my presentation given at Goldschmidt.

Goldschmidt is the major international conference for geochemists, with over 4,000 delegates this year, 24 themes, and over 200 sessions. I took advantage of the parallel sessions, attending the majority of sessions within my field, but dipping into sessions in other areas of interest. I presented my results in the session “Volatiles in the Mantle: Origin, Evolution and Consequences for Earth’s Dynamics”. It was really useful for me to attend this session and hear ideas from others working in a similar area to me.

Outside of the sessions, I took the opportunity to meet up with other researchers, as both the workshop and conference provided me with excellent networking opportunities, which will aid me in my future career as I near the end of my PhD.