

Mineral Society Senior Bursary 2015 Report

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First of all I would like to thank the Mineral Society for awarding me with the Senior Bursary to attend Goldschmidt 2015 in Prague. Second, I would like to thank the Local Organising Committee for organising such a fantastic event and for the coincidence that the event was planned the week following Prague Pride.

Besides the pleasant surprise of entering Prague at the weekend of Prague Pride, a specific highlight to me was the opportunity to present and showcase my recently submitted publication on the fate of neptunium during the crystallization of ferric (oxyhydr)oxide mineral phases. This also gave me the opportunity to interact with other academics throughout the world on my research with whom I otherwise would not interact much with. I have also seen many really interesting presentations in (nano) mineralogy and environmental geochemistry and caught up with friends from all over the world. This is a great benefit of the popularity and size of the Goldschmidt conference, even if this means that there will always be several coinciding sessions on topics in my specialisms.



The final highlight of this year's Goldschmidt Conference I wish to mention is the Conference Banquet at the fabulous Municipal House. The food was great and the entertainment was brilliant with as result a picture of me pulling a crazy face while dancing to the music the DJ was playing. I am now very much looking forward to the next Goldschmidt I will be able to attend.