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Thanks to the bursary of the Mineralogical Society I was able to attend the Geochronology Workshop and the Research in Progress of the Metamorphic Studies Group that was held on 14th and 15th of March 2016 at the British Geological Survey in Nottingham.

The workshop was aimed for young researchers and showed different aspects of Geochronology. Nick Roberts explained a bit about the basics of U-Pb dating. Clare Warren talked about Petrochronology. Daniel Condon gave us an idea about traceability and calibration of U-Pb Isotope dilution. Matthew Horstwood should us some statistical methods that are very useful when dating something. Despite of being just a day of course, it was very concise. It was a great introduction to the subject.

The unofficial theme for this year's MSG was "Metamorphism is not all about pseudosections", and as I could see for myself it really isn't. The meeting held talks and posters from a broad range of topics – from tectonics to X-ray microtomography. I was very pleased to be selected to give a talk about the trace-element variation in metamorphic apatite. Since this was the first time I gave a public talk, I was super nervous, but I got some very nice feedback and great suggestions – some of which I already started to do. It was the first time I attended the MSG meeting and one of the coolest things was to meet and see Bruce Yardley talk about the 35 years of the group (picture 1).

I had a very good time at the meeting, the style that it was held really pleased me as well - emphasis on student talks and posters (great opportunity for us) and a very relaxed, accessible vibe. I'm looking forward to the next meeting (and maybe a field trip?) next year.

Bruce Yardley talks about the 35 years of the MSG.