This issue of EXPLORE contains the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Identity of the Association of Exploration Geochemists. The Committee was chaired by J. Alan Coope, and the Committee’s report was presented to and accepted by the AEG Council at its meeting on June 26, 1991. I wish to thank Alan and his Committee for their efforts and diligence on behalf of the AEG.

In brief, the report reaffirms the central focus of the AEG on exploration geochemistry while encouraging closer communication with specialists in related fields to advance application of geochemical methods in interpretation, discovery, exploitation and reclamation. Most importantly, the report recognizes that past lack of emphasis on research into dispersion processes has been detrimental to both the application and perception of exploration geochemistry. The extent to which the AEG and the Journal of Geochemical Exploration should expand into environmental geochemistry has been vigorously debated by the membership. The report recommends: (i) involvement and joint meetings in areas where exploration and environmental geochemical interests overlap, and (ii) expansion of the Journal of Geochemical Exploration to include studies of an environmental nature that may contribute to the resolution of exploration problems.

To be effective, several of the Committee’s recommendations require action. The AEG Council has therefore approved formation of:

(i) an Educational Committee with a broad mandate to examine and recommend on the education of the exploration geochemist. Professor Art W. Rose (Penn State University, 332 Deike Building, University Park, PA 16802, USA) has agreed to chair this committee;

(ii) a Professional Registration Committee, to examine the rapidly changing requirements for registration of geoscientists and make recommendations as to the response of the AEG. This Committee will be chaired by Dr. Ivor L. Elliott (Cominco Ltd., 700-409 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC, V6C 2T2, Canada);

(iii) a Seminar Committee to introduce leading-edge seminars aimed at stimulating debate and raising the professional image of exploration geochemistry. Dr. Gwendy E.M. Hall (Geological Survey of Canada, 601 Booth Street, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0E8, Canada) has agreed to chair this Committee.

In parallel developments Dr. E. M. Cameron, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Geochemical Exploration, is developing new guidelines for the scope of the Journal. These are intended to encourage submission of a greater range of subject matter, including environmental geochemical topics, related to mineral resource exploration and development.

Graham F. Taylor (CSIRO Division of Exploration Geoscience, PO Box 136, North Ryde, NSW 2113, Australia), as the new Second Vice President (and a former Regional Councillor for Australia) now assumes responsibility for liaising with the Regional Councillors and promoting the interests of the membership outside North-American.
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This issue of EXPLORE features the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Identity of the Association of Exploration Geochemists. The committee has given full and careful considerations to the changing conditions that exploration geochemists work under and have recommended a course for the future of the AEG. The Editor strongly recommends that each member who has not already read this report do so now to determine how the Association of Exploration Geochemists can continue to benefit them in the future. Now that the report is final, the EXPLORE staff expect to reference this document when considering acceptance criteria for submission to EXPLORE as well as the general flavor and slant of the newsletter. Although the committee's deliberations are completed, we hope and expect to see comments and opinions on the report in the pages of future editions.

Also in this issue, Shea Clark Smith reminds us of our past in a description of a field portable colorimetric technique.

The next issue of EXPLORE (No. 74, January 1992) will be devoted to Australian issues and papers. Anyone interested in contributing should contact Dr. Graham Taylor, CSIRO Division of Exploration Geoscience, PO Box 136, North Ryde, NSW 2113, Australia.

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America. As the first non-North American Vice President, it is particularly timely and appropriate that Graham should assume this role.

All these individuals have agreed to assume important tasks and to invest their time in the future of the AEG. I urge everyone to give them all the support and assistance possible. In particular, please contact them directly to make your own views known.

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...demonstration of current, innovative research and the need for more intensive investigations of geochemical dispersion processes. Lack of emphasis on process research in the past has been detrimental to the exploration geochemistry discipline.

4. The Association, the Journal of Geochemical Exploration and EXPLORE should continue to be prominent in the advancement of exploration geochemistry as contemplated by the aims and objectives of the Association. In the pursuit of these aims, the Association should expand existing programs and develop new initiatives as follows:

(i) introduce leading-edge seminars (of Penrose quality) that will stimulate debate and also create a more intellectual impact and raise the scientific/professional image of the exploration geochemist.

(ii) influence the development of curricula and promote and support formal education in exploration geochemistry in colleges and universities, stimulate research into the scientific aspects of geochemical processes and sponsor some aspects of graduate research.

(iii) strengthen both the profession and also the role of the AEG by continuously upgrading the quality of the Association's service to the membership and encourage and promote high professional standards through the establishment of guidelines for exploration geochemical practice.

(iv) foster, more directly, the interests of the non-North American membership (and potential membership) through maintaining and nourishing the AEG Distinguished Lecturers program and, as exploration geochemistry activity develops in more and more countries, give the non-North American membership increased responsibilities and stronger representation on Council.

(v) cultivate a more effective and polished image and develop programs and policies that will make the Voting Members of the Association more visible and influential.

5. The Association of Exploration Geochemists should not unreservedly embrace environmental geochemistry, but maintain its present identity, restrict objectives to the dispersion (both natural and anthropogenic) of naturally occurring geochemical species and exchange ideas and encourage joint meetings and projects in areas where exploration and environmental geochemical interests overlap.

6. The Association should not launch another journal devoted primarily to environmental geochemistry. The Journal of Geochemical Exploration should be encouraged to publish papers that address processes and procedures likely to increase efficiency in exploration, and help understand environmental challenges. The JGE should accept manuscripts of an environmental nature which may contribute to the resolution of exploration problems.

7. The Association should establish closer communication with specialists in related fields. Joint meetings, collaborative projects, special volumes, review volumes, productive integration and the creation of communication networks are all recommended with a variety of disciplines including hydrology, geomorphology, plant physiology, geophysics, economic geology, pedology/soil science, analytical chemistry and petroleum geochemistry.

8. While establishing closer scientific and technical relationships with other disciplines, it is essential that the Association vigorously cultivate these advances to improve, indirectly and directly, the understanding of the geochemical environment of mineral deposits, allowing, encouraging and fostering the development of improved methodology for application interpretation, discovery, exploitation and reclamation.

9. Upon acceptance of the Committee's report, Council is strongly urged to establish a procedure and a time-table for the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

INTRODUCTION
This ad hoc Committee was formed in June 1990 following Council's decision that a review of the future identity of the Association would be appropriate and timely.

Initially a statement was prepared on "The Identity of the Association of Exploration Geochemists" (dated July 18th 1990) which was distributed to approximately 40 Voting Members including all Councillors. The twenty-eight responses (70%) were distributed to the Committee members along with a summary memorandum (dated December 6th 1990) identifying numerous points for comment and discussion. Committee responses were summarized and a series of preliminary recommendations identified in a March 18th 1991 memorandum which was returned to the Committee along with an additional contribution by the Chairman (dated March 19th 1991) entitled "Where are we and why?" Written contributions from Committee members not attending the 15th IGES were reviewed in a face-to-face meeting of the Committee held at the Symposium on April 29th 1991. Eleven Voting Members constituted the Committee:

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The Committee's deliberations were wide-ranging and perceptive. These took into account the history of the Association, the numerous developments in exploration geochemistry and other geochemical disciplines over the past four decades, the previously noted contributions from interested Voting Members and the useful discussions in both Council and in *EXPLORE* leading to the formulation of a series of recommendations which are presented for Council's attention and approval in this report.

An Executive Summary is provided but Council's attention is also directed to the sections on "Exploration Geochemistry, Historical Development, Current Perceptions and Some Solutions", "The Importance of a Clear Objective" and "Some Specific Questions" which follow.

Upon acceptance of the Committee's report, Council is strongly urged to establish a procedure and a time-table for the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

An archive of all correspondence pertaining to the Committee's activities is being delivered to the Secretary of the Association for safe-keeping and for future reference.

Exploration Geochemistry, Historical Development, Current Perceptions and Some Solutions

In the late 1940's and early 1950's when exploration geochemistry was gaining attention in the western world, the methods were vigorously promoted as being relatively simple, suitable for routine application and, once defined, could be confidently delegated to technical and, indeed, unskilled personnel. Not only did the combination of low costs, simple application and numerous well-publicized successes bring acclaim and attention, but it also served to convince the growing community of exploration geologists that success with exploration geochemistry entailed nothing more than the almost unconscious repetition of the procedures set out in published case histories. Although there has been some general increase in geochemical awareness, this opinion has tended to harden over the years and today many exploration managers believe that exploration geochemistry is a skill to be developed by the exploration geologist rather than being the specialized discipline of the exploration geochemist.

The Association of Exploration Geochemists was formed in 1970 and has been successful in becoming internationally recognized as the society for exploration geochemists. The Journal of Geochemical Exploration is, indisputably, the leading publication of the exploration geochemistry discipline. Professional recognition of the exploration geochemist has been a prime consideration of the Association from the beginning. Standards of qualification for Voting Membership have been identified in the bylaws and articles defining the professional exploration geochemist have appeared in the newsletter on at least two occasions. Within industry, however, the typical geochemist is the exploration geologist who, despite only limited basic training in exploration geochemistry, is considered adequately geochemically literate and therefore a qualified practitioner. In addition, field work is quite often delegated to technical personnel with a minimum of supervision. Consequently, the quality of geochemical work in many exploration programs is often tainted with mediocrity.

Many draw a direct correlation between low levels of expertise in the average geochemical exploration survey and the early promotion of low costs, low skills and simplicity. If this is true then it is equally true that exploration geochemists have failed to convey to industry not only a basic appreciation of the complexities of the natural environment but also the potential of innovative geochemical science to address complex exploration problems.

It is not uncommon for qualified and experienced exploration geochemists to unwittingly perpetuate this myth of simplicity. We repeatedly read that sampling is a simple procedure and that analysis is cheap. Psychologically this conveys the impression that cheap analysis is not only desirable but adequate - in fact in several of our commonly used texts we are told that the need for a highly-skilled operator (and therefore well-paid) is a disadvantage of the ICP analytical technique. Similarly, the need for dedicated and well-trained samplers for some highly effective geochemical exploration procedures is often conveyed as being prejudicial to exploration economics.

Although not intended, short courses and workshops which advise on "how-to" conduct geochemical surveys tend to sustain the notion of a trade which can be learned very quickly and very cheaply and downgrades the geochemist from a professional scientist to a technician.

Because of this, many in academia look upon exploration geochemistry with some disdain and too many exploration managers cannot justify employing well-qualified exploration geochemists. Leading-edge seminars (of Penrose quality) that will stimulate debate but also create a more intellectual impact and raise the scientific/professional image of the exploration geochemist are necessary to balance and eventually overshadow the more technical instruction that industry will continue to demand. Subjects that should be considered include dispersion criteria, migration pathways, the form of elements in the secondary environment, the application of stable isotope and fluid inclusion studies, and many other topics. In addition, the Association should (i) influence the development of geochemistry curricula, (ii) promote and support formal education in exploration geochemistry in colleges and universities, (iii) stimulate research into the scientific aspects of geochemical processes and (iv) sponsor some aspects of graduate research.

In order to strengthen both the profession and also the role of the AEG the quality of the Association's service to the membership should be continuously upgraded and high professional standards...
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should be encouraged and promoted through the establishment of
guidelines for exploration geochemical practice in the interests of
orderly and responsible natural resource development and public
safety.

Further, the Association should foster, more directly, the interests
of the non-North American membership (and potential member­
ship). In the near term, this can be done by maintaining and
nourishing the AEG Distinguished Lecturer Program. As explo­
ration geochemistry activity develops in more and more countries,
the Association should give the non-North American membership
increased responsibilities and stronger representation on Council.

Programs and policies, should be developed that will make the
Voting Members more visible and influential and downplay,
(although not abandon), the financially oriented thrust of making it
easy for geologists and technicians to join the Association as
Associate Members.

Exploration geochemistry cannot be fostered and promoted in the
same way that society markets cosmetics, shoes or automobiles. The
Association must cultivate a more effective and polished image and
encourage the more intellectual approach of research into
geochemical processes and related topics. In this context, linkages
with other disciplines are essential and the translation of research
into innovative exploration methodology becomes even more
challenging.

The Importance of a Clear Objective
A clear objective for the Association is fundamental to any
discussion of identity.

The Association membership consists of people from a wide
variety of affiliations broadly classifiable into industry, independent
contractors, academia and government. The philosophical ap­
proaches to exploration geochemistry within these estates can all be
different.

For example, industry strives for discovery whereas academia
and, possibly to some degree, government strive for understanding.
Industry is absolutely dependent on the discovery of mines for its
continued existence, whereas the independent contractor, the
academic and the government employee can switch efforts away
from mineral discovery into other fields — eg. environmental
geochemistry — at short notice. These switches are caused by
several factors — public opinion, availability of money and real or
apparent declines in mineral exploration/development activity —
which are usually complexly interrelated.

The present objectives and purposes of the Association of
Exploration Geochemists are very clear. In order for the Association
to continue to be a productive organization it must maintain a clear
and objective purpose. The Association should not assume a fickle
attitude that will be interpreted by many in terms of inconsist­
ency and unreliability. Such would erode identity.

This understanding is implicit in a majority of submissions from
the voting membership and, indeed, in the counsel of individual
Committee members. The Committee therefore recommends to
Council that the Association reaffirms that there will always be a
demand for natural resources. The need for basic geoscientific
understanding, the challenges of discovery and the increasing
regulation governing exploration, exploitation and reclamation will
 guarantee the necessity for geochemical research and development
well into the foreseeable future. The AEG can foster all of these
needs and meet the aspirations of a broadly based membership in a
variety of affiliations by fully exercising its present mandate.

Some Specific Questions
During exchanges of correspondence, members of the Committee
focused on several pertinent questions related to its mandate. Con­
clusions and recommendations summarized below are in harmony
with proposals put forward earlier in this report.

Question 1. What is the preferred future direction of the AEG?

This was the central question included in the July 18th 1990 state­
ment and was addressed by both the Committee and the respond­
voting membership. Responses were classified relative to the follow­
ing positions:
(a) Those who feel the AEG should focus strongly on exploration
geochemistry.
(b) Those who feel the AEG should maintain its central focus on
exploration geochemistry, but should expand its traditional
horizons to cover those aspects of other geochemical disciplines
that are relevant to mineral exploration.
(c) Those who feel that the AEG is too exploration oriented and
should expand into other applied geochemical fields and
assume an even broader mandate.

The Committee therefore recommends to
Council that the Association reaffirms that there will always be a
demand for natural resources. The need for basic geoscientific
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Generally it was noted that company employees tended to favor a position closer to (a) than (b); government employees and those from academia tended to group much closer to (b) than (a) and the more extreme opinions of some consultants tended towards a position between (b) and (c). There is no significant correlation between responses and geographic location although it is apparent that there is a stronger focus on the environmental aspects of applied geochemistry in Europe and that several consultants (worldwide) have entered into the environmental field.

The consensus of opinion among the voting members, which is supported and recommended by the Committee is that

The AEG maintain its central focus on exploration geochemistry but should expand its traditional horizons to cover those aspects of other geochemical disciplines that are relevant to mineral exploration.

Question 2. Is exploration geochemistry a sunset science?

This question was raised by a voting member. A majority of Committee members emphatically rejected the notion that exploration geochemistry is a sunset profession or science. It was noted that exploration geochemistry has had a relatively short but successful history and the methods are still widely used in the search for mineral deposits. Although the number of students pursuing graduate studies in exploration geochemistry has declined compared with recent years, this number is probably comparable with the number of graduate students preparing to enter the profession approximately 30 years ago.

The Committee notes, however, that exploration geochemistry is losing some credibility as a professional discipline and interest and support in government and academic institutions has decreased. This is all the more disappointing because the Committee is aware of some very innovative research investigations being carried out by certain groups around the world which could introduce a whole new dimension to geochemical understanding relating to element dispersion. These advances, stemming, for example, from electrogeochemical and gaseous dispersion studies are focusing attention on process in geochemical dispersion - an aspect of geochemical exploration that many claim has been ignored to the detriment of the discipline and the Association.

The Committee therefore recommends:

The Association has to address the loss of credibility of exploration geochemistry as a specialized discipline in both academia and industry through the communication and demonstration of current innovative research and the need for more intensive investigations of geochemical dispersion processes. Lack of emphasis on process research in the past has been detrimental to the exploration geochemistry discipline.

Question 3. To what extent should the AEG promote and foster exploration geochemistry?

It is recommended that the Association and the Journal of Geochemical Exploration and EXPLORE should continue to be prominent in the advancement of exploration geochemistry as contemplated by the aims and objectives of the Association. In the pursuit of these aims the Association should expand existing programs and develop new initiatives (in concert with the recommendations set out under the heading “Exploration Geochemistry, Historical Development, Current Perceptions and Some Solutions.”)

Question 4. To what extent should the AEG embrace environmental geochemistry?

Information obtained by the Committee indicates that a significant number of geochemists presently practicing in the environmental field would not join the AEG if the Association expanded its mandate to include the broad discipline of environmental geochemistry. This is because their interests are covered by existing organizations.

Committee members note that there is a danger that dilution of the current membership with peripheral interest groups could cause serious identity problems for the Association and unreservedly opening the Association to environmental membership will not serve the needs of the majority of the current AEG membership who are exploration geologists practicing exploration geochemistry.

On the other hand, Committee members are aware that many practitioners in the environmental geochemistry field are chemists and engineers without an expert appreciation of geological aspects of the natural environment, and also acknowledge that exploration...
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dgeochemists have developed skills of application needed in environmental investigations and often work with environmentally significant data in pursuit of the mineral discovery objective. In recognition of these close interrelationships, the majority opinion on the Committee is that:

The Association should not unreservedly embrace the broad discipline of environmental geochemistry, but maintain its present identity, restrict its objectives to the dispersion (both natural and anthropogenic) of naturally occurring geochemical species and exchange ideas and encourage joint meetings and projects in areas where exploration geochemical and environmental geochemical interests overlap.

Question 5. Should the AEG consider another journal?

All members of the Committee are against the launching of another journal. Reasons vary, however, with more than one Committee member citing the additional costs to the Association and the predictable strain on other resources. Others note that two journals, with one primarily devoted to environmental geochemical papers, would tend to divide the Association and lead to a decline in the unanlous:

Journal of Geochemical Exploration.

Question S. Reasons vary, however, with more than one environmental geochemical papers, others make recommendations compatible with the majority opinion in answer to Question 4. All members of the Committee are against the launching of another journal. Reasons vary, however, with more than one Committee member citing the additional costs to the Association and the predictable strain on other resources. Others note that two journals, with one primarily devoted to environmental geochemical papers, would tend to divide the Association and lead to a decline in the Journal of Geochemical Exploration.

While some Committee members state that the JGE should accept environmental geochemical papers, others make recommendations compatible with the majority opinion in answer to Question 4.

The recommendation of the Committee is:

The Association should not launch another journal devoted primarily to environmental geochemistry. The Journal of Geochemical Exploration should be encouraged to publish papers that address processes and procedures likely to increase efficiency in exploration and help understand environmental challenges and also accept manuscripts of an environmental nature which may contribute to the resolution of exploration problems.

Question 6 (i) Are you in favor of closer scientific and technical relationships with scientists in related fields? (ii) Should we court the petroleum industry more strongly?

The Committee members’ response to part (i) of this question is unanimous:

The Association should establish closer communication with specialists in related fields, joint meetings, collaborative projects, special venues, review volumes, productive integration, and the creation of communication networks are all recommended with a variety of disciplines including hydrology, geomorphology, plant physiology, geophysics, economic geology, pedology/pedology, science, analytical chemistry and petroleum geochemistry.

There are cautionary comments. While allowing for this kind of activity, a few express concern about potential loss of objective. There is a danger, as we have seen with other prominent publications that many of us consult regularly, for themes of interest to "wander" too far from the society’s prime purpose or the needs of the society’s membership. In broadening scientific and technical relationships with other disciplines, it is essential that the AEG vigorously cultivate these advances to improve directly and indirectly the understanding of the geochemical environment of mineral deposits allowing, encouraging and fostering the development of improved methodology for application, interpretation, discovery, exploitation and reclamation.

The Association, particularly through the efforts of the JGE editorial board have made several overtures to petroleum geochemists to contribute to the Journal and participate in other AEG activity. These overtures have not been wholly successful. The work of petroleum geochemists has uncovered considerable data pertinent to process and dispersion in geochemistry relevant to metals, other elements and hydrocarbons. As a result, a few Committee members consider communication with petroleum geochemists to be important.

Question 7. Other matters?

The Committee addressed several, additional, general questions relating to geochemical methods and applications and future directions of the Association. Responses are covered in previous discussion and recommendations.

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As many of you may already know, Alberta, the Northwest Territories, Newfoundland and most recently British Columbia haveeffectivelylegislation which requires geologists to be registered with a provincial professional body to conduct business. At a recent meeting, the representative from Newfoundland submitted the following statement "We are taking the position that registration is mandatory, although operationally we have not started to conduct 'witch hunts', at least not until the grandfather period is over."

Saskatchewan hopes to have legislation in place by 1992 and the Ontario Committee is probably looking at 1993. The real concern is that the revised Engineering Profession Acts will be comparable and thus facilitate interprovincial reciprocity not to mention international recognition.

The working definition of professional geoscience that has been accepted by our committee is:

Practise of professional geoscience means reporting, advising, processing, evaluating, interpreting, surveying, sampling or examining related to any activity that:

a) is directed towards the discovery or development of oil, natural gas, coal, metallic or non-metallic minerals, precious stones, other natural resources or water or the investigation of surface or subsurface geological conditions including identification of geological hazards, and

b) is directed toward the protection, enhancement and management of the natural environment, and

c) requires the professional application of the principles of geology, geophysics, geochemistry and environmental geoscience.

I have been asked to submit to the committee a definition of a geochemist primarily to justify to the Engineering Association the inclusion of geochemists as professionals. I would appreciate the input of any members who may have worked on such a definition in other contexts.

As the review process continues, I expect that issues concerning university curricula will arise and I hope to have some input to ensure that geologists who wish to take chemistry or environmental science courses can be encouraged to do so without jeopardizing their membership in a professional organization.

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Dear Editor:

Most of us knew the late Dr. Hubert Lakin of the USGS who made and distributed six geochemical samples for round-robin testing, initiating with his effort a self-testing program for mineral laboratories. Unfortunately, most participants in this program determined total element content by any method they pleased to apply, whereas partial dissolution techniques were ignored. As a result, the rock standards arsenal was increased by 6 new members, and the original idea for geochemistry was lost. In "Technical Notes" (EXPLORE Number 70, January 1991, page 1), an excellent article expressing the needs of quality control in analytical geochemistry, by R.W. Leinz of the USGS, summarizes principles and tools employed in certification programs. I agree that such a program is badly needed for geochemistry, but there are application problems.

Existing conditions: Few commercial laboratories, have or employ personnel experienced in geochemistry. A quality improvement program in geochemistry as suggested by Mr. Leinz, could be a major undertaking. We have to bear in mind, that government or university laboratories have the time and resources to investigate, develop, innovate, optimize and correct procedures. Discounting a few commercial laboratories which make good profits, most need to survive on sales, pay leases and debts, and return dividends to the investors. As a result, commercial laboratories rarely investigate or develop methods. At the most, a chemist with a short-cut attitude may
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change or introduce a few analytical operations without checking to see if the modifications have altered the original method. In all probability, the modification is not equivalent to the original version. It is here where quality assurance is mandatory.

With the complexities that exist in geochemistry, commercial laboratories cannot be held liable if they err in applying proper methods for matrices which are not obvious to them. Therefore, it is an obligation of the explorationist to suggest or require specific methods for particular series of samples. Hence, the laboratories need a compendium of geochemical analytical methods as a guide for outlining a quality assurance document.

Certification: As an initial step in certification, the AEG could discuss and propose quality assurance guidelines adaptable to geochemical testing. A good certification program could then be established by checking laboratories for their capabilities, organization, application of quality assurance documentation and by having labs pass tests in the analysis of proficiency evaluation samples. For discovering poor performers, plain metallic solution mixtures have proven sufficient. Sophisticated proficiency testing with rock samples could be reserved for specialized testing after a compendium of methods is made available by the AEG.

We have to remember that most laboratories are tired of analyzing proficiency evaluation or round-robin samples. This is because many laboratories subscribe to redundant certification programs, are adaptable to geochemical testing. A good certification program could then be outlined for outlining a quality assurance document. It is here where quality assurance is mandatory. It is here where quality assurance is mandatory.

Steps to follow for setting up standardization committees would be: 1) secure travel funds, 2) nominate a leading committee composed of a chairman, an editor and the chairman of subcommittees, and 3) nominate a panel of experts in each area of expertise. Sub-committee chairmen and panel experts would be assigned to represent a professional society or agency (e.g. AEG, USGS, ACS, ASTM, CS, GSC, laboratory representatives, etc.).

The leading committee would agree on the goals and the subcommittees carry out the work. The pace of the work could be set at different speeds, depending on the aspirations of the leading committee, of the expected completeness and of the available resources. After finishing each work assignment, methods would be approved by the leading committee for publication in a specialized journal or returned for review. A compendium of approved methods would be published at a later date.

Maybe now is the time we could come together and fix this problem.

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Dr. Jane Plant has been appointed to the post of Assistant Director, Minerals and Geochemical Survey Division at the British Geological Survey, Nottingham, England. Effective immediately.

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Introduction
Several of us recall, and some of us still use, the various cold extractable field tests developed by Professor Harold Bloom. The "Bloom Tests" use chelating agents that when bound to certain metals form colored complexes. Remember the pink-purple to blue colors you would get using diphenylthiocarbazone (you know, DITHIZONE) when the solvents, sediments, or water you were testing had ppm levels of Cu, Zn and Pb. Thanks to Professor Bloom, there was a sensitive, inexpensive, on-site test that moderately trained geologists and geochemists could use to help them find ore.

It is amusing and curious how history repeats itself. Now, environmental geochemists are scrambling for sensitive, inexpensive, on-site tests they can use to determine the extent of contamination. John Hanby has just that. In application, his test is very similar to the Bloom Test, but the Hanby test identifies soils, sediments, and water contaminated by various aromatic compounds. It is based on a Friedel-Crafts aromatic alkylation which produces colored products proportional to the concentration of the reactants.

The colors depend on the aromatic composition. If 5 to 10 ppm benzene is present, the reaction will produce a rich yellow color. Toluene produces orange. The colors also depend on the concentration:

- Benzene: yellow (1 ppm) to orange (10 ppm);
- Toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes: orange-yellow (1 ppm) to burnt orange (10 ppm);
- Gasoline: beige (5 ppm) to rust, red-brown (20 ppm);
- Diesel: beige (5 ppm) to green (20 ppm);
- PCBs: light pink (0.05 ppm) to coral (0.2 ppm); and
- Naphthalene: light violet (0.2 ppm) to violet (2 ppm).

Methodology
Somewhat unlike the Bloom Tests, the Hanby test requires more and larger glassware. It would also be handy to have a table for the setup. To perform the test, a 500 ml water sample is taken in a separatory funnel, and 5 ml of a proprietary alkyl halide reagent is added. The sample is agitated vigorously for two minutes during which time organics are extracted into the reagent phase. The sample then sits for 5 minutes until the reagent phase has settled to the bottom. Then the reagent phase is drained into a test tube containing a catalyst (Lewis base) and the reaction between the aromatics and the alkyl halide immediately proceeds. Vigorous shaking during the reaction (2 minutes) ensures even dispersal of the catalyst and uniform color of the products. A color chart created from known concentrations of the contaminant is used for comparison. Since the contaminant could be a complex mixture of various aromatics, knowledge about the composition of the contaminant is desirable. The colors must be read quickly because of the photochemical degradation of the products in sunlight.

There are two ways to test soils. The easiest is direct extraction, which is more effective for older gasoline, diesel and other fuel oil contamination where the components are fairly insoluble. The more time consuming method is washing; this method is more effective for fresh gasoline.

The direct extraction method uses 5 g of soil and 10 ml of extraction reagent. The mixture is agitated vigorously for 5 minutes to effectively disaggregate the soil and extract the aromatic compounds. The reagent is then transferred to a test tube and mixed with the catalyst.

The washing method requires 100 g of soil in a 500 ml mixture of flocculent salt and distilled water. The soil floc is shaken for 15-20 minutes and then transferred to a 1 liter Imhoff cone. Clarification takes about 30 minutes. The wash water is then tested like the water test described above.

All of these tests are based on a 4.2 ml aliquot of the extraction phase. Since partitioning of the phase is somewhat variable, the volume of the extraction phase prior to the alkylation reaction must be measured. Failure to calibrate to the 4.2 ml standard may result in overestimating the concentration by as much as 16 percent. Tests comparing Hanby's test to other methods (purge and trap GC, and UV/VIS spectrophotometric reflectance) show colorimetry variation (± 20%) is mostly due to the amount of catalyst.

One charming attribute of the test is that it can be performed backwards: that is, alkyl halides like trichloroethylene, freon, chloroform, methyl chloroform, chloropropene and others can be tested using an aromatic extractant. It yields the same color results, but tends to have a number of negative interferences that limit its applicability.

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Case History

The Hanby test was used to monitor river water that had been contaminated by the collapse of an oil tank near Pittsburgh, PA on January 2, 1988. Approximately one million gallons of oil spilled into the Monongahela River, a tributary of the Ohio River. Part of the remedial investigation involved a run up the Ohio River from Wheeling to identify the front of the spill. However, the first sample at Wheeling showed the front had already passed. Further testing upstream showed the Hanby test tracked well with on-site readings from a fluorometer provided by the EPA (Table 1).

The Hanby test has been used on most of the more recent major oil spills. In addition to the Ashland Chemical Company tank collapse (above), it was used for the Galveston Bay spill near San Leon, Texas (July, 1990) where it revealed concentrations of dissolved oil 10 to 20 times the toxic level for fish even in waters that looked relatively pristine. The Hanby test was also used at the Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska’s Prince William Sound where it helped monitor the impact on nearby fish hatcheries.

Conclusion

The Bloom Test solves a number of problems facing exploration geochemists including cost, sensitivity, and a need for immediate information. These same needs now face those operating in environmental science. The cost of one Hanby test is about $27 compared to $175 from a off-site laboratory. The test’s sensitivity is highly suitable for confirming contamination, quantifying the contamination level, determining the limits for soil excavation and measuring the progress of groundwater remediation. It is moderately suitable for tracing the source of contamination and determining the placement of monitor wells. It may even find its way into exploration for oil deposits.

The Hanby test has become a recognized method by the EPA and is reported by the Agency’s Office of Underground Storage Tanks in Field Measurements: Dependable Data When You Need It (June, 1990). It describes Hanby’s test and several other alternatives to fixed-facility laboratories, including interviews with users of the various techniques discussed.

Materials for this report were provided by John Hanby, Hanby Analytical Laboratories, Inc., 4400 South Wwayside, Suite 107, Houston, Texas 77087, USA.

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Gold/Silver Deposits of Chile - An AEG/SEG Field Conference

The Association of Exploration Geochemists and the Society of Economic Geologists jointly sponsored a field conference on the gold/silver deposits of Chile from April 13-24, 1991. The field trip was led by Richard Sillitoe, consultant, London, England and Francisco Camus, exploration manager for CODELCO, Santiago, Chile assisted by Nicolas Saric, exploration manager, Sociedad Minera Pudahel Ltda., Tomás Vila, exploration manager, Compania Minera Anglo American Chile Ltda., Harold F. Bonham Jr., Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology, and Larry J. Garside, Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology. The trip commenced on the evening of April 12 at the Miami International Airport for an overnight flight to Santiago, Chile. The field conference was fully subscribed at 35 participants and 5 trip leaders. The participants were truly an international group with representation from Australia, Canada, France, Ireland, South Africa, Italy, Great Britain, and the United States. The group assembled on Sunday evening at the offices of the Chilean Geological Survey for a talk on the Geological Evolution of Chile by Dr. Constantino Mpodozis, chief regional geologist.

On Monday, April 15 the group visited the El Bronce mine of Compania Minera El Bronce, a major producer of gold and silver, in the foothills of the Andes north of Santiago. El Bronce is a low-sulfidation, epithermal vein system of Cretaceous age, related to a deeply eroded ash-flow tuff caldera. After an underground tour of the main veins, the group proceeded to La Serena.

On Tuesday, April 16, a visit was made to the Andacollo district, where gold-bearing mantos in Cretaceous volcanic rocks occur marginal to, and genetically related to, a porphyry Cu-Mo-Au stock. The gold deposits are currently being developed by Dayton Development Corp. In the evening, a talk on the El Indio gold deposit was given by Raymond Jannas, chief of exploration at El Indio. April 17 was devoted to travelling from La Serena to El Salvador. April 18 was devoted to an examination of the El Hueso gold mine operated by Homestake. El Hueso is a high-sulfidation deposit which is located marginal to the Potrerillos porphyry copper deposit at elevations above 4,000 meters. A brief visit to the old glory hole of the Potrerillos porphyry copper deposit was made in the late afternoon. The participants were impressed with the spatial and probable genetic links between the porphyry and the El Hueso deposit.

On April 19 the field party departed El Salvador en route to the La Coipa silver-gold mine. La Coipa is a high-sulfidation silver-gold deposit hosted by Triassic sedimentary rocks and Miocene dactitic volcanic rocks. It occurs in an extensive belt of argillic and advanced argillic alteration. The mine is operated by Minera Mantos de Oro. The ore bodies occur at elevations ranging from 3800 to 4000 meters.

On April 20 the group departed for visits to the Marte and Lobo porphyry gold deposits in the Maricunga belt. The Marte deposit is late Miocene in age and occurs in the core of a dissected stratovolcano. The mine is operated by Minera Tres Cruces, a consortium representing Anglo-American, Cominco Resources and Chemical Bank. The Marte open pit is located at 4100 to 4200 meters above sea level. The composite diorite porphyry stock, exposed in the open pit, is cut by a multidirectional quartz stockwork which contains the bulk of the gold mineralization. Alteration presently exposed in the pit is intermediate argillic in character and is immediately overlain by a zone of advanced argillic alteration developed in the andesite wall rocks of the deposit. In the late afternoon the group proceeded to the Lobo porphyry gold property, where they examined representative diamond drill core from the...
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deposit. Alteration and mineralization at Lobo are similar to Marte, but Lobo is somewhat more deeply eroded than Marte. The field group then proceeded to Anglo America's field camp at Santa Cecilia.

On April 21 the group departed for the Aldebaran prospect. The final climb up exploration roads to an elevation of 5000 meters above sea level proved to be too much for one of the vans so it was necessary to ferry part of the group to the ridge crest. From there, most of the group enjoyed a bracing hike in a stiff breeze to the top of the Aldebaran system, at an elevation of 5100 meters. Aldebaran provides a excellent opportunity for an overview of a nearly intact system, from near the original paleosurface of the stratovolcano, with sulfur and mercury mineralization associated with acid leaching, downward through an epithermal high-sulfidation vein system into a copper-gold porphyry deposit, all in a vertical distance of 1000 meters.

It is certain that our Chilean hosts, in particular Francisco Camus, Nicolas Saric, and Tomas Villa made our field trip a most enjoyable and rewarding experience through their long hours of hard work in preparation for the trip and in the superb hospitality afforded the participants all along the way. A special vote of thanks is also owed to Dick Sillitoe, who was the initial catalyst for the idea of a Chilean field conference and who spent much time and effort working with his Chilean colleagues in planning the trip and making it a reality. Thanks are also owed to all of the Chilean mine geologists, too numerous to mention here, who gave of their time and imparted their knowledge of the deposits to us at the various properties.

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In EXPLORE Number 72, a portion of a soil survey for Zn was presented, along with the location of the massive sulphide lens discovered as a consequence of followup. How was or could the bedrock source(s) of mineralization be predicted without additional sampling?

Firstly, reference could be made to field notes collected at time of sampling which would have indicated overburden genesis to be alluvium beside a creek channel way. Note the creek valley is not apparent on government 1:50,000 scale topographic map does not show the creek or the valley. You had to be in the field to recognize drainage conditions. No field notes! Historical drilling/trenching describes what happens in the absence of field notes!

A second approach (not tried here) should prove successful; that of employing a terrain analysis (EXPLORE Number 65, pp. 14-16). A terrain analysis could be conducted using air photographs which would allow recognition of drainage features and alluvial deposits not apparent on government 1:50,000 scale maps. Creeks, bogs, alluvium, and other overburden types would be immediately apparent and could be factored into the geochemical interpretation. With this information at hand, geochemical interpretation would point to a bedrock metal source near the western end of the anomaly.

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JOURNAL OF GEOCHEMICAL EXPLORATION

During the past year there have been discussions about broadening the scope of both the AEG (see report this issue of the Ad Hoc Committee) and the Journal of Geochemical Exploration. In the case of the latter, this has involved the AEG Council, the Editorial Board, and Elsevier. The results of these deliberations are summarized in an editorial for an upcoming issue of the JGE and which is reproduced below.

(JGE) Editorial

This issue marks a change in the Scope of the Journal of Geochemical Exploration, which is carried on the back cover of each issue. This has been revised as follows:

The Journal of Geochemical Exploration covers all aspects of the application of geochemistry to the exploration and study of mineral resources, and related fields, including the geochemistry of the environment. Topics include: the description and evaluation of new or improved methods of geochemical exploration; sampling and analytical techniques and methods of interpretation; geochemical distributions in and around mined environments; and processes of geochemical dispersion in rocks, soils, vegetation, water and the atmosphere. Papers that seek to integrate geochemical, geological, and geophysical methods of exploration are particularly welcome.

Given the many links between exploration and environmental geochemistry, the journal encourages the exchange of concepts and data; and, in particular, to develop mineral resources while protecting the environment.

There are two important changes. The first is that environmental geochemistry as a major topic. Environmental geochemistry is in rapid growth, in response to public demand for the protection of the Earth. For many environmental studies, methods of sampling, analysis and interpretation are essentially similar to that uses by exploration geochemists. Investigations of nuclear waste disposal are a variation on the broad geochemical problem of the dispersion of elements out from a point source. An increasing proportion of exploration geochemists are now working wholly or in part on environmental problems. One of the most obvious links between environmental and exploration geochemistry is that they share the same methods of analysis. More attention will be given to geochemical analysis within our pages, starting with a special issue planned for 1992.

The second change is that the journal will be giving greater emphasis to the integration of geochemical, geological and geophysical

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This broadening in scope of the journal will require the strengthening of the editorial board to include expertise in these new areas. A technical change is that we are now requesting authors to provide the final copy of their manuscript on floppy disc. This will, hopefully, speed publication of papers, and reduce the errors that inevitably occur during typesetting.

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Transport of magnetite and gold in Harris Creek, British Columbia, and implications for exploration. W.K. Fletcher and J. Wolcott
Biogeochemical prospecting for gold-bearing quartz veins of the Piedmont, Great Falls, Maryland. E.R. Siegel, J.A.N. Barrows, and E.M. Barrows
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Geochemistry and exploration criteria for epithermal cinnabar and stibnite vein deposits in the Kuskokwim River region, southwestern Alaska. J.E. Gray, R.J. Goldfarb, D.E. Detra, and K.E. Slaughter

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- Feb. 22-23, '92 Biogeochemistry Short Course pre-Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration Inc., Phoenix, AZ - see below (Tara Davis, SME, P.O. Box 625002, Littleton, CO 80162, USA)

- Feb. 24-27, '92 Mineral resources, ann. mtg., Phoenix, AZ (Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration Inc., Meetings Department, Box 625002, Littleton, CO 80162, USA; TEL: (303) 973-9550; FAX: (303) 979-3461)


- March 9-12, '92 Circum-Pacific Council for Energy and Minerals Resources, mtg., Bangkok, Thailand (Mat Stewart, Circum-Pacific Council, Suite 500, 5100 Westheimer, Houston, TX 77056, USA; TEL: (713) 622-1130; FAX: (713) 622-5360)

- March 28, '92 Came 92 CAD, From Mapping to Mining, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, ON, Canada.

- March 29 - April 1, '92 Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada 1992 Annual Convention, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario (Dr. W.E. Urighart, 74 Victoria Street., Suite 1002, Toronto, ON M5C 2A5, Canada)

- Apr. 8-10, '92 Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration Inc. Regional (Northwest Section) Symposium on Topical Exploration Interest in Geology, Geochemistry and Geophysics, Bellevue, Washington (Grant Newport, c/o Weyerhaeuser Co., PC2-31, Tacoma, WA 98477, USA; TEL: (206) 924-2754; FAX: (206) 924-3862).

- May 8-10, '92 Goldschmidt Conference, Reston, VA, by the Geochemical Society, the AEG, and other societies (Bruce R. Doe, USGS, 923 National Center, Reston, VA 22092, USA; TEL: (703) 648-6205; FAX: (703) 648-6191). Includes Symposium in International Geochemical Mapping (F. H. Davenport, Geological Survey, Newfoundland Department of Mines and Energy, P.O. Box 8700, St. John's, Newfoundland A1B 4J6, Canada; TEL: (709) 729-2171; FAX: (709) 729-3493, abstract deadline, Dec. 1, 1991).

- May 25-27, '92 GAC-MAC, ann. mtg., Wolfville, Nova Scotia (Aubrey Fricker, Atlantic Geoscience Centre, Bedford Institute of Oceanography, Box 1006, Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 4A2, Canada; TEL: (902) 426-6759)

- Aug., '92 13th Caribbean Geological Conference, Finar del Rio, Cuba (Sociedad Cubana de Geologia, Apartado 370, CH-10100, Habana, Cuba)

- Aug., 23-28 '92 Symposium on The Environmental Geochemistry of Sulfide Oxidation, (American Chemical Society Meeting), Washington, D.C. (Charles N. Alpers, Dept. of Geological Sciences, McGill University, 3450 University St., Montreal, Quebec H3A 2A7, Canada; TEL: (514) 398-3589; or David Blowes, Waterloo Center for Groundwater Research, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON, N2L 3G1, Canada; TEL: (519) 885-1211, ext. 6997)

- Aug. 24-Sept. 3, '92 29th International Geological Congress, Kyoto, Japan (Secretary General, IGC-92 Office, P.O. Box 65, Tsukuba, Ibaraki 305, Japan; TEL: 81-298-54-3627; FAX: 81-298-54-3629)


- Apr. 17-20, '93 Integrated Methods in Exploration & Discovery, Society of Economic Geologists Conference, Denver, CO (Richard L. Nielsen, SEG, Box 571, Golden, CO 80402, USA; TEL/FAX (303) 279-3118)

- May 17-19, '93 GAC-MAC, ann. mtg., Edmonton, Alberta (J. W. Kramers, Alberta Geological Survey, Box 8330, Station F, Edmonton, AB, T6H 5X2, Canada; TEL: (403) 438-7644; FAX: (403) 438-3364)

- Sept., '93 16th International Geochemical Exploration Symposium, and 5th Chinese Exploration Geochemistry Symposium, Beijing, China (Dr. Xie Xuejing, Honorary Director, Institute of Geophysical & Geochmical Exploration, Langfang, Hebei 102849, China; TELEX: 22531 MGMRC CN; FAX: 86-1-4210628; and, Dr. Lin Cunshan, Deputy Director, Institute of Geophysical and Geochemical Exploration, Langfang, Hebei 102849, China; TELEX: 26296 LFPBL CN; FAX: 86-0316-212868)

- Oct. 25-28, '93 Geological Society of America, ann. mtg., Boston, MA (Vanessa George, GSA, Box 9140, Boulder, CO 80301, USA; TEL: (303) 447-2020)

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