On October 29, 2013, the annual business meeting and luncheon of the History and Philosophy of Geology Division was held at this year’s meeting of the Geological Society of America in Denver. As always, the highlight of the event was the presentation of the annual Division Awards. The Mary C. Rabbitt Award was presented to Leonard G. Wilson (top, left). In his acceptance address, Dr. Wilson described the award as “an honor” and reflected on his participation in a symposium on Charles Lyell held in 1963 by the Rabbitt Award’s first recipient Claude Abritton. The
Gerald M. and Sue T. Friedman Distinguished Service Award was presented to Hugh Rance (top, right), the curator of our Division web page, who in his acceptance stressed the importance of our digital presence for maintaining communication and fellowship among such a diverse community of scholars. Isabel Fay (shown bottom with her advisor Mark Barton) beat out a particularly competitive field this year to win the Division’s Student Award. Fay’s work evaluating the validity of Georgius Agricola’s hydrologic studies is being incorporated into her own dissertation on hydrogeology in the Congo. Congratulations once more to all of this year’s honorees.

**Executive Board Meeting**
The Division’s Executive Board also took the opportunity to meet in Denver. The minutes of the meeting are below.

Geological Society of America
History and Philosophy of Geology Division
Management Board Meeting Minutes
7:00 AM, October 28, 2013
Attending: Jim Dawson, Renee Clary, Dave Goldsmith, Gary Rosenberg

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00
- Jim Dawson reviewed the Division Chairs’ Meetings of 4/27/2013 and 10/26/2013
  - A study has shown that only a small percentage of emails from divisions actually get opened
    - Even fewer attachments get opened
    - HPG Division emails actually get opened more than other divisions’ emails
  - GSA continues to build and develop its Connected Community social network and hopes that this will help facilitate communication between divisions and their members
  - Beginning this year, student members of GSA will be allowed to join one division for free
- There was a brief discussion of the Division Luncheon and Awards Ceremony to be held on 10/29/2013
- The following changes to committee structures were discussed and approved
  - Nomination Committee
    - Gary Rosenberg is slated to rotate off
    - Ken Aalto remains on the committee
    - John Diemer was appointed to the committee
    - NB: Subsequent to the Division Meeting, Gary Rosenberg agreed to serve an extra year on the Nomination Committee to maintain the full 3-member committee. Ken Aalto has assumed the Chair position
  - Awards Committee
    - Bill Brice rotates off
- Sally Newcomb moves up to chair
- Gary Rosenberg moves up to 1st vice chair
- The management board will appoint a new 2nd vice chair
- The management board agreed to appoint 1 ex officio student member beginning in 2015
- The management board also agreed to investigate the possibility of making the Division Chair position a 2-year term
- The following deadlines were announced related to the GSA Annual meeting in Vancouver (10/19-22 2014)
  - Session proposals deadline: January 8
  - Short course proposals deadline: February 1
- In an effort to increase student attendance to the Division Lunch, the management board discussed and approved a proposal to subsidize the cost of tickets for student members
- The meeting was adjourned
INHIGEO AT ASILOMAR, July 2014


Everyone interested in the history of the geosciences is invited to this meeting, the first INHIGEO symposium held in the U.S. since 1989.

Dual conference themes:

(1) Doing the History of the Earth Sciences: What, Why, and How?
Keynote speakers: Claudine Cohen (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris) & Ernst Hamm (York University, Toronto).

(2) California’s Place in the History of the Earth Sciences
Keynote speakers: Eldridge Moores (University of California–Davis) & William R. Dickinson (University of Arizona).

Visit the GSA Meetings webpage:
http://community.geosociety.org/INHIGEO2014/Home/
Support for Student Attendance at INHIGEO

Support for student/post-doc INHIGEO attendance is available through both INHIGEO, and GSA.

The History and Philosophy of Geology Division Management Board has approved a $500 stipend for a GSA student member who requests support to attend and present at INHIGEO. Any interested student should directly contact Dr. Renee Clary, Chair, at RClary@geosci.msstate.edu.

INHIGEO funding may also be requested. (See below.)

INHIGEO SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND POST-DOCS TO ATTEND 2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

INHIGEO has limited funds to support the attendance of up to four students / post docs to attend the 2104 INHIGEO conference in Asilomar.

The amount of support shall not exceed $US500.00 per applicant.

Any student or post doc student may apply for assistance as specified in the following guidelines. Successful applicants will be expected to make a presentation at the conference.

All applications for financial assistance should be received by the Secretary General no later than 28 February 2014 .

The guidelines for student / post doc support, approved earlier this year by the INHIGEO Board are as follows:

1. In accordance with a resolution passed at the Annual INHIGEO Business Meeting held at Toyohashi in 2011, the Board urges organizers of future INHIGEO conferences to endeavour whenever possible to structure meeting registration fees in ways that allow students and post-docs to participate at reduced rates.

2. In the past INHIGEO has sometimes provided modest financial support (US $500) toward the meeting expenses of a young participant. When INHIGEO resources permit, the Board may repeat this practice in the future, using the following guidelines.

   a. Those eligible to apply for support include students and post-docs (doctoral degrees completed within five years of the meeting in question).
The recipient(s) of a meeting subsidy will be expected to make a research presentation at the meeting. Successful applicants who are not already INHIGEO members should be judged by the Board to be suitable prospects for membership (regular or associate).

b. Approximately one year prior to the meeting in question, the Board should determine whether financial resources are sufficient to fund one or two meeting subsidies; and if so, the number of subsidies and the amount to be provided. When a plan to offer this support has been made, a call for applications should be announced through the quarterly INHIGEO Circular, and other media as the Board may choose (such as the INHIGEO website, and postings or announcements about the particular meeting in question).

c. The stipulated application deadline should be approximately six months in advance of the meeting date. Allowing one month for the Board to make its decision, the Board would thus be able to notify applicants of the result about five months prior to the meeting.

d. The essential components of applications should be (i) a summary of the applicant’s research presentation proposed for the meeting, and (ii) a résumé or CV. Applicants should ask a person familiar with his/her qualifications and work (preferably a member of INHIGEO) to send the Secretary General a confidential letter of recommendation.

**Division Website Updates**
The Division’s website [www.gsahist.org](http://www.gsahist.org) has recently been updated with new features. Visit us on-line to find a newly updated list of philosophy of geology sources, and guidelines for preparing a Rock Stars submission.
GSA History and Philosophy of Division

Student Award

The GSA History and Philosophy of Geology Division encourages student submissions for its annual Student Award.

The Student Award winner receives a $1000 prize after the presentation of the winning paper at the 2014 GSA annual meeting in Vancouver, BC. The $1000 award will be presented at the Division’s annual luncheon.

The award is open to all students regardless of discipline, provided the paper relates to the history or philosophy of a geological idea, person, or topic. Faculty advisors may be listed as second author, but not as lead author.

Applications for the award must be received by June 15, 2014.

For more information and instructions on how to submit a paper for consideration, please visit our website: www.gsahist.org