Division Sponsored Topical Sessions

T95. Museums at the Forefront of the History and Philosophy of Geology I and II. Gary Rosenberg and Renee M. Clary, Advocates

Location: Room 303
Date: Sunday September 25
Time: 8am –Noon and 1:30pm-5:30pm

An application is being submitted to publish this session with GSA. We welcome additional manuscripts complementing the session from colleagues not presenting in Denver. Contact Gary D. Rosenberg, Rosenberg@mpm.edu or Grosenbe@iupui.edu or Renee Clary, RClary@geosci.msstate.edu

T97 Unearthing the History of Women in Geosciences. Jody Bourgeois, Renee Clary, and Kathy Lohff, Advocates

Location: Room 303
Date: Monday September 26
Time: 8am –Noon

In association with the Division's session on "Unearthing the History of Women in Geosciences," we will be soliciting your help with writing short biographies for: GSA Rock Stars, Wikipedia, Trowelblazers, and/or other venues for sharing these histories. Come with your ideas and enthusiasm!

Division Sponsored Events and Workshops

Division Luncheon & Business Meeting
Date: Tuesday September 27 Noon-2pm
Location: Mile High Ballroom 1A Colorado Convention Center. Please purchase ticket when registering online or at the GSA Registration Desk.

Student Reception and Raffle
Date: Tuesday September 27 5:30-7:30pm
Location: Mineral Hall B Hyatt regency Denver CCC
Free snacks, beer, and wine and traditional book raffle.

A copy of Richard Conniff's *House of Lost Worlds* will be a featured raffle prize.
History and Philosophy of Geology Division News

History of Earth Science Society

The next issue of Earth Sciences History (35/2) is nearing final assembly. The issue includes the following papers:

"Ages past: Ancient geology and modern preconceptions" by Jason Jordan
"Georgius Agricola’s De Re Metallica in early modern scholarship" by Isabel Fay Barton
"Electrical earthquakes: A short-lived theory in the 18th century" by Jean-Paul Poirier
"Darwin the geologist in southern South America" by Robert H. Dott, Jr. and Ian W. D. Dalziel
"The glacier theory of Louis Rendu (1789–1859) and the Forbes-Tyndall controversy" by John Hollier and Anita Hollier
"C. W. Beehler’s collection of vertebrate fossils: A lost legacy" by R. Bruce McMillan
"Brazilian geology for Brazilian students: The general geology textbook published by John Casper Branner in 1906" by Silvia Fernanda de Mendonça Figueirôa
"The North American geologist Walter Karl Link and oil exploratory research at Petrobras (1954–1960)" by Drielli Peyerl, Silvia Fernanda de Mendonça Figueirôa, and Elvio Pinto Bosetti

To submit a manuscript, or to subscribe to the journal. Visit the HESS website at www.historyearthscience.org. Intending authors are invited to contact an Associate Editor or the Editor (John Diemer) in advance. Manuscripts must conform to the journal’s Guidelines (see the end of this issue or the Society’s website for more detail).

Seeking Nominations

The division is currently seeking nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Kathy Lohff’s term will be complete following the business meeting at the annual convention in Denver. In addition, there is a need for new members on the nominating committee. Please send your nominations to Gary Rosenberg grosenbe@iupui.edu

HPGD Management Board Meeting

The management board will hold its annual meeting on Saturday 24 September at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Denver at 7pm. We will have lite refreshments and drinks. Please feel free to bring a sandwich or dinner. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Kathy Lohff kathylohff@msn.com
General Information

HPGD Website
As a reminder, our website is now migrated to the GSA Connected Communities websites: http://community.geosociety.org/histphildiv/home. We would like to take this opportunity to extend a very since thank you to Hugh Rance, who first established our History and Philosophy of Geology Division website—before GSA offered the common Connected Communities platform. Hugh designed and maintained our website for years, and undoubtedly the electronic presence of our Division is because of him! Please join me in thanking Hugh -- for designing, updating, and even paying the costs of our private website.

Thank you, Hugh Rance! --Renee Clary, HPGD webmaster.

Richard Conniff: Book Signing—Sunday September 25 5:30-7:30. Exhibit Hall
Advance praise for House of Lost Worlds: Dinosaurs, Dynasties, and the Story of Life on Earth (Yale, April 2016):

“This book is about one of the great stories of science’s ongoing coming of age. But the best reason to read it is that author Richard Conniff can’t seem to help but do what science writing should always do: he tells a story so well that you don’t realize how much you’re learning in the sweep of every paragraph.”—Carl Safina, author of Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel.

“What a rich history this book tells, and with such enthusiasm, humor, and attention to the oddest details! Richard Conniff makes you want to dive into the collections that have been accumulating for 150 years at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, gathered with loving scholarly attention, transforming our knowledge of the natural world and the human race.”—Frans de Waal, author of Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?

“An important and riveting story of how real-life scientists built a great museum and what it means for biology and natural history. Exciting from beginning to end, House of Lost Worlds is for anyone who loves adventurous reading.”—Bernd Heinrich, author of One Wild Bird at a Time: Portraits of Individual Lives

HOGG
The latest HOGG newsletter (No. 57 June 2016) is now available. To view, click on the following link.

First Announcement and Call for Papers  
**Abraham Gottlob Werner (1749-1817)**  
and the earth sciences at that time  
Bicentennial anniversary of his death  
29.06. - 01.07.2017 in Freiberg

Organizer: TU Bergakademie Freiberg / Library  
The symposium focuses on the geosciences at the end of the 18th to the beginning of the 19th century and their impact to Abraham Gottlob Werners research and teaching. The following issues should be regarded in the oral presentations during the meeting:

1. Werners charisma (analysis of his personality and its outward impact)
2. Europe-wide network and its influence on the progress in the earth sciences
3. Transfer of knowledge (history of cartography, history of collections, effect of geoscientific insights to other fields like fine arts; development of mining academies following the model Freiberg)
4. Werners students and their work for earth sciences
5. Teaching and education at the early Mining Academy (Freiberg)
6. Between science and the request of the administration (e.g. survey of land; prospection of deposits)

Important deadlines  
Abstract submission: September 30, 2016  
Authors will be notified on their paper acceptance as soon as possible and no later than October 15, 2016  
Full paper submission: January 30, 2017

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