



Dear Colleagues,

As Editor-in-Chief of *Minerals*, I am pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 *Minerals* Travel Awards:

Travel Awards were granted to **Dr. Ayla Pamukçu**, who is a post-doctoral researcher at the Department of Geosciences, Princeton University, USA, and Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Science, Brown University, USA; and to **Ms. Jessica Hamilton**, Ph.D. student at the School of Earth, Atmosphere and Environment, Monash University, Australia.

Dr. Ayla Pamukçu's research revolves around understanding the longevity of small and giant rhyolite magma bodies erupted from the same vent using crystal size distributions, melt inclusion faceting, and diffusion chronometry, with a focus on supereruptions—rare but enormous volcanic eruptions, the likes of which have never been witnessed. She is planning to present her work on evaluating the mush + multiple magma body model for the Lake City caldera, CO, USA, at the IAVCEI 2017 Scientific Assembly in Portland, OR, USA.

Ms. Jessica Hamilton's research focus is developing low-cost treatments for trapping carbon dioxide (CO₂) in mineral wastes generated by mining, and investigating the potential for recovery of valuable trace metals (i.e., Ni, Cr, Co) from leachates and precipitates generated by the process. She is planning to present her work on optimising geochemical treatments to accelerate in situ CO₂ sequestration in ultramafic mine tailings at the Goldschmidt 2017 conference in Paris, France.

2017 TRAVEL AWARD WINNERS

The awards consist of **800 Swiss Francs** each to attend any academic conference during 2017.

Prof. Dr. Paul Sylvester
Editor-in-Chief