

This announcement is targeted for all pre-registered participants of the Annual meeting of the ILSG in Houghton, Michigan May 15-18, 2024.

The ILSG meeting will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Memorial Union Building on the Michigan Tech Campus; **see maps attached to this email.**

**Vehicles without a parking pass will be ticketed between 7 am to 4 pm weekdays; during this time all vehicles require a pass to park in the designated parking areas shown on the attached map; the parking hang tag will be available at the registration desk and from co-chairs and ILSG volunteers. You will need a separate hang tag for each weekday parking on campus.**

ILSG participants have free admission to the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum with ILSG name tag. The museum is open 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday, except as noted below on Friday May 17.

Wednesday, May 15

You will receive registration materials, including Proceedings Volume 70, Parts 1 and 2, at the registration desk (note: those on a pre-meeting field trip will be given these on Wednesday morning). The registration desk will be open on Wednesday from 4 to 8 pm EST.

The Welcoming Reception will be from 6:30 to 8:30 pm with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Each registered participant will receive one free drink of choice only redeemable at the Wednesday Reception bar; additional drinks must be purchased.

Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Technical sessions on Thursday May 16 and Friday May 17 begin at 8:15 am and end at about 5:00 pm. There are 6 sessions of oral presentations and 2 sessions dedicated to poster presentations. There will be morning and afternoon coffee breaks for both Thursday and Friday.

Beginning at 6 pm Thursday evening May 16 there will be a reception and cash bar followed at 7 pm by the annual banquet. The 2024 Goldich Medal will be awarded after the meal. This will be followed by an oral presentation titled "Mineral Informatics: A New Frontier in Understanding Minerals" by distinguished speaker Robert Hazen of the Carnegie Institution. The presentation is jointly sponsored by the ILSG and A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum of Michigan Tech.

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Technical presentations will continue on Friday May 17 at 8:15. The meeting will conclude with presentations for the Best Student Paper Award and Student travel-participation awards. Students must be present to receive an award.

On Friday evening Robert Hazen will give a second presentation to the public titled "Mineral Evolution: A Case Study of a New Natural Law" at 7:00 pm in the ATDC Building across from the A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum. ILSG participants are welcome to attend. The museum will be open from 9am to 7 pm on Friday but closed after the presentation. The presentation is sponsored by the Heinrich Mineralogical Research Foundation and the A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum.

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