CALL FOR PAPERS: DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR A SPECIAL ISSUE HONORING PROF. DONALD SPARKS

We have had an excellent response to the call for papers for a special issue in *Geochemical Transactions*, the official journal of the GEOC division, honoring the work of Professor Donald Sparks.

Owing to the popularity of the proposal and the size of the response, *Geochemical Transactions* and the Guest Editors have agreed to extend the deadline for a second round of exciting contributions for potential publication in the special issue.

The key points:

- Members of the research community who have work that fits into the scope below are encouraged to contact the Guest Editors with their proposal by the start of October 2017. The proposal should include the authors, working title and brief abstract, as well as a *proposed submission date*, but the exact details can be changed at a later date.
- Research articles are preferred, but reviews and other content types will be considered.
- All published papers will be part of the main *Geochemical Transactions* journal, and will also be published on a dedicated webpage for the series.
- *Geochemical Transactions* is an online open-access journal, so papers will be published immediately if accepted after peer-review, and with copyright to the work remaining with the authors.
- All papers published to the series will be listed in the appropriate abstract services, such as Web of Science, Scopus and PubMed, as well as internal services such as SpringerLink.
- As an open-access journal *Geochemical Transactions* operates article-processing charges. As part of the special issue, the publisher will consider any requests for waiver or discounts for researchers without access to open-access funding on a case-by-case basis. Please include whether a discount or waiver will be required in your submission proposal.

Information and Scope on the special issue

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Prof. Donald Sparks: “Frontiers and Advances in Environmental Soil Chemistry”

In 2015, Dr. Donald L. Sparks, Professor of Plant and Soil Science, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Delaware, received the American Chemical Society’s Geochemistry Division Medal for his highly influential and transformative work in geochemistry, environmental chemistry, and soil chemistry; his outstanding record as an educator and mentor; and his service to the geochemical community. To celebrate and honor Prof. Sparks’ life-long research interests and achievements, we invite experts and colleagues who share this scientific sphere with Prof. Sparks to submit papers for a special issue. This honorary issue will highlight important challenges in environmental geochemistry and soil chemistry and will introduce current advances in these areas. We also like to bring together a series of research articles exemplifying recent developments in state-of-the-art experimental and numerical approaches toward understanding mineral-water interfaces. For this special issue, Prof. Sparks has kindly agreed to write a feature article sharing his scientific and philosophical views on Environmental Soil Chemistry. The topics of particular interest are given below, though the list is not exclusive.

Surface adsorption, surface complexation modeling, surface precipitation, surface electron transfer, contaminant dynamics in the environment, speciation of metals in contaminated soils and metal plant hyperaccumulators, phosphorus in soils, soil organic carbon-mineral interaction, spectroscopic techniques in studying soil chemical processes, and thermodynamics and kinetics of biogeochemical processes.

We see this is an excellent opportunity, both to honor Prof. Sparks’ enduring accomplishments in Environmental Geochemistry and Soil Chemistry and to share your new developments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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