

## NOTICES

### Physics of Minerals

A special session entitled "Physics of Minerals" and sponsored by the International Mineralogical Association will be held in conjunction with the 25th International Geological Congress in Sydney, Australia, during August 1976. Papers are invited on the following subjects:

1. New or improved methods of measuring or obtaining information on physical properties of minerals;
2. Interpretation of physical properties in terms of the atomic and electronic structures of minerals;

3. Application of physical property data to problems in geoscience.

Persons wishing to present a paper should submit abstracts by May 1, 1976, to Professor Stefan S. Hafner, Department of Geosciences, University of Marburg, D-3550 Marburg, Germany (BRD). These abstracts will not be published in the IGC program, but a report on the session will be published in an appropriate journal.

### Mineral Poster in Technicolor

**NOW AVAILABLE:** MSA has printed a large (22 × 28") FULL COLOR poster calling attention to mineralogy and the vital role of minerals in society. The reader is stopped first by two spectacular photos of tourmaline and rhodochrosite (both photos are former covers of the *Mineralogical Record*) and the question: WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT MINERALS? Below this is a short definition of minerals and the nature of mineralogy, closing in large letters with FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WHAT MINERALS MEAN TO YOU.

At the bottom of the poster there are three white spaces, in which a mineral club might put notices of upcoming meetings,

lectures, mineral and gem shows, or items of general interest. Universities could use the space to publicize lectures, or classes in mineralogy or geology. The poster could be used effectively in public and elementary schools, at science fairs, or even as wall decorations.

Posters are available at \$2 each or 3 for \$5 from: Joel E. Arem, 6451 Fairborn Terrace, New Carrollton, Maryland 20784

Checks should be made payable to the Mineralogical Society of America.

### Nominations for Awards, Honors, and Elected Officers of MSA

Members of the Society are urged to take an active part in making nominations for the awards of the Society. Nominations with adequate documentation should be sent to the Secretary, Mineralogical Society of America, 1909 K Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than May 1 for transmittal to the appropriate Committee. The nominator must be a member of the Society. The various awards are as follows:

1. The **Roebing Medal** is the highest award of the Mineralogical Society of America for scientific eminence as represented primarily by scientific publication of outstanding original research in mineralogy. The science of mineralogy is defined broadly for purposes of the Roebing Award, and a candidate need not qualify as a mineralogist; rather his published research should be related to the mineralogical sciences and should make some outstanding contribution to them. Service to mineralogy, teaching, and administrative accomplishment are not to be considered as a primary merit for the award. The award is not restricted to Americans. Nationality, personality, age of the candidate, or place of employment shall not be considered.

2. The **Mineralogical Society of America Award** is given in recognition of an outstanding contribution or series of contributions within the fields of interest to the Society. The work for which the award is given must have been published in a single or series of papers prior to the month in which the candidate's 35th birthday falls. Candidates are limited to persons who shall not have reached the age of 37 before January 1 of the year in which the award is decided upon (1975). The Award shall be made without regard to nationality, personality, or place of employment. Membership in the Mineralogical Society of America or publication in *The American Mineralogist* is not prerequisite.

3. **Fellowship** nominations are invited and forms may be obtained from the Secretary. Three members of the Society must sponsor each nominee.

4. Suggestions for nominations for all offices of the Society are welcome; documentation need not be as extensive as for the awards.

Larry W. Finger, Secretary