

Activities of the Spanish Clay Society (SEA) in 2013

The Spanish Clay Society (SEA) organized a scientific meeting in Madrid (Spain) in the University Autonoma de Madrid on November 15th of 2013, with the participation of sixty researchers.

One of the main acts of the meeting was a tribute in honour of Prof. Dr. José María Serratosa, who passed away in November of 2012. Several speakers (E. Ruiz Hitzky, M.C. Hermosin, S. Leguey, E. Galán, and J.L. Robert) presented the personal and scientific sides of José María Serratosa, highlighting the importance of his role in advancing clay research.

Other activities that took place during the meeting were:

- The Annual General Meeting
- The lecture entitled "Crystalchemistry of 2:1 phyllosilicate: State of the art" by Dr. Jean-Luis Robert (CNRS, Paris)
- Scientific session of posters
- The announcement of the winners of the various awards offered by the Society:
 - The Young Researchers' Award 2013 was given to Michelle Saltarelli.
 - The "Initiation to Clay Studies Award 2013" for a Master's Thesis was presented to Cristina Ruiz García
 - The prize for "First Scientific Photography Contest on Clays" was awarded to Dr. Santiago Leguey and Dr. Emilia García Romero.



Dr. Cuevas gives the prize “First Scientific Photography Contest on Clays” to Dr. Emilia García-Romero.



Dr. F.J. Huertas gives the prize "Initiation to Clay Studies Award 2013" for her Master's Thesis to Cristina Ruiz García.