

## Activities of Sociedad Española de Arcillas – SEA (Spanish Clay Society) in 2014

The Sociedad Española de Arcillas – SEA (Spanish Clay Society) organized the XXIII Scientific Meeting in Toledo (Spain) in Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha on September 10th-12nd, 2015, with contributions from sixty participants.

The Organiser committee was formed by SEA members at the Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, coordinated by Dr. Emilia García-Romero (UAM).

The Conference program included:

- Plenary lectures:

- **“Clays in Mars”**, Dr. Javier Cuadros (Natural History Museum, London, UK).
- **“Bionanocomposites based on fibrous clays as adsorbents aqueous environments”** Dr. Ana C. S. Alcântara (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte, Natal, Brasil)

- Scientific sessions of oral and poster presentations

- A Round Table on “Quantitative analysis of clays”, with Dr. Emilio Galán and Dr. Mercedes Suarez as speakers. Dr. Suarez introduced the preliminary results of an interlaboratory test organised by SEA with participation of SEA members and Dr. Galán conducted the discussion. .

- A geological excursion to visit some quarries of ceramic and special clays in the area of Toledo.

- The announcement of the winners of the various awards offered by the Society:

- the Young Researchers' Award 2014 to Cristina Fernández Barranco (Universidad de Jaen).
- the “Initiation to Clay Studies Award 2014” for a Masters Thesis to Javier García Rivas (Universidad de Salamanca) and Ines Aguilar (Universidad de Sevilla).

- The Annual General Meeting of the SEA. During the Annual General Meeting the new SEA Council was elected. The Executive Committee is formed by Dr. F. Javier Huertas (President), Dr. Mercedes Suarez (Past President), Dr. Fernando Nieto (VicePresident), Dr. Patricia Aparicio (Secretary) and Dr. César Viseras (Treasurer). As members of the Council were elected Drs. Jacinto Alonso, Jaime Cuevas, Margarita Darder, Pilar Salagre and Alfonso Yuste.



Dr. Cuevas gives the prize “First Contest of Scientific Photography 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.