

Activities of Sociedad Española de Arcillas – SEA (Spanish Clay Society) in 2015

During the EUROCLAY 2015 was given the Martin Vivaldi Award to Bernd Wicklein, by his paper “Clay-lipid nanohybrids: Toward influenza vaccines and beyond”. The Martín Vivaldi Award is an European award, sponsored by the European Clay Groups Association (ECGA) and financially supported by Sociedad Española de Arcillas - SEA (Spanish Clay Society). The Selection Committee of the 2015 Martin Vivaldi Award was formed by Prof. Peter Komadel (ECGA President), Prof. Derek Bain (UK), Prof. Jean-Louis Robert (France), Prof. Jaime Cuevas (Spain) and Prof. Mercedes Suarez (Spanish Clay Society representative).

During the EUROCLAY 2015 the results of an interlaboratory test organised by SEA with participation of SEA members was presented at the session “Developments and applications of quantitative analysis to clay bearing materials incorporating The Reynolds Cup School”.

The Sociedad Española de Arcillas – SEA (Spanish Clay Society) organized the XXIV Scientific Meeting in Seville (Spain) in Universidad de Seville on November 13nd, 2015, with contributions from fifty participants.

The Organising Committee was formed by SEA members at the Universidad de Sevilla and Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (IRNASE), coordinated by Dr. Tomas Undabeytia (IRNASE).

The Conference program included:

- Plenary lectures:

- **“El papel de la arcilla en la captura y almacenamiento de CO₂”** (*Role of clay minerals in CO₂ capture and storage*), Prof. Emilio Galán (Universidad de Sevilla).
- **“Aplicaciones de la química computacional al mundo de las arcillas”** (*Applications of computational chemistry in the field of clays*) Dr. Ignacio Sainz (Instituto. Andaluz de Ciencias de la Tierra, Granada)

- Scientific session of poster presentations

- The announcement of the winners of the young researches’ awards offered by the Society to Eulalia Gómez-Pantoja (IRNASE-CSIC) and to Javier García Rivas (Universidad de Salamanca).

The International Clay Conference 2017 “Clays from the ocean to the space” will be held in Granada (16-21 July, 2017) organized by the Spanish Clay Society. The website of the meeting is <http://www.16icc.org/>



Prof. Emilio Galán at the beginning of his delivering a plenary lecture at the XXIV Scientific Meeting of SEA.



The President of the SEA, Dr. F.J. Huertas, gives the “Young Researches” awards offered by the Society to Eulalia Gómez-Pantoja (IRNASE-CSIC) and to Javier García Rivas (Universidad de Salamanca).