



Scientists from the Fersman Mineralogical Museum, their Colleagues and Friends –  
Participants of International Science Conference on 300-Years Anniversary of Fersman Mineralogical Museum:

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at the Central Hall of the Fersman Mineralogical Museum RAS, Moscow, Russia, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016. Photo: Michael B. Leybov.

## **300-years Anniversary of the Fersman Mineralogical Museum**

### **Greetings from *Mineralogical Almanac***

The Fersman Mineralogical Museum of the Russian Academy of Sciences is turning 300 years old this year since its founding. Together with all of the friends of this oldest museum in Russia we acknowledge the glorious staff of this venerable Museum and we wish them personnel good health and new successes in their scientific work and in the preservation and replenishing of their unique collections.

The collection of the Fersman Mineralogical Museum is not only a National Heritage but a World Heritage comparable in significance with outstanding archeological and historical venues.

Thanks to the grandiose effort of numerous generations of scientists, collectors and mineral amateurs the Museum today represents an assemblage of minerals unique in volume and representation. It is no exaggeration to say that the collections of the Museum reflect the development of such vital sciences for humanity as mineralogy, geochemistry and crystallography practically from the moment of their appearance to this day.

Throughout its long life the Museum has gone through much: wars, revolutions, moving from St. Petersburg to Moscow, evacuation, etc. Not only did the Museum survive all that but it turned into a unique scientific and educational center having enormous public significance not only for Russia but for the entire world.

Over three centuries dozens of major private and state collections were incorporated into the Museum collection, thousands of specimens were donated by collectors, school and college students and professional mineralogists. The expeditions of the museum staff members played an important role in forming its collection. It is with joy and satisfaction that we follow the development of the Museum nowadays, and the replenishment of its collections.

The scientific publications of the Museum, regular issues of “New Data on Minerals” occupy a worthy place in international mineralogical publications.

The Fersman Mineralogical Museum conducts an important educational mission and serves as a center of attracting numerous mineral lovers and serious collectors.

Mineralogical Almanac has published numerous articles dedicated to the Museum collections and not one of our issues has been published without photographs of some of its samples. We will continue these publications as one of the objectives of which is to promote the invaluable riches of the Fersman Mineralogical Museum in the mineralogical community.

**Our Greetings on your Jubilee, Fersman Museum!**