

At the *business meeting*, outgoing president Peter Warwick expressed thanks to host organization and co-sponsors. Dr. Maria Mastalerz gave presents to Dr. Jianyong Qiao, Professor Jinxing Dai and Professor Kuili Jin for their contributions to this year's TSOP meeting, on behalf of herself and Jim Hower (who couldn't come to the meeting). Incoming TSOP president Jeffrey Quick introduced the incoming council and thanked Peter Warwick and the outgoing council for their leadership during the past year. This was followed by Wolfgang Kalkreuth's report on the progress made by the International Committee for Coal and Organic Petrology (ICCP). Lastly Dr. Hamed Sanei invited everybody to attend next year's meeting in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, on behalf of the Organizing Committee.



Hamed Sanei invited everybody to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. (Photo provided by Kuili Jin & Chen-Lin Chou)

At the *banquet* on the Monday evening, September 18, Professor Kuili Jin toasted the participants and asked all to enjoy the Chinese Food and "Great Wall" wine, one of the best Chinese wines. Then Drs. Quick and Warwick made short speeches and toasted the participants. During the banquet, every country had one person to say something enthusiastic about the meeting.

At the *closing ceremony*, the presidium consisted of Jeffrey Quick, Peter Warwick, Wolfgang Kalkreuth, L. Ruppert and Kuili Jin. Dr. Quick thanked the student helpers who had done an

excellent job. Dr. Maria Mastalerz, the chair of the committee for the Outstanding Student Paper Awards, announced Liugen Zheng as the winner of the Outstanding Student Oral Paper Award, and the Outstanding Student Poster Paper Award was awarded to M. Kern from Brazil. As a tradition, the organizing committee presents a gift to the person who traveled farthest to the meeting. This year there were three winners: Alejandro Restrepo, Astrid Blandón, and Freddy Arango from Colombia, South America. Lastly, Professor Jin declared that the meeting was over.

The *post-meeting field trip* held on September 20-22, took place at the Datong Wonderful Sight and Antaibao Surface Mine, Shanxi Province. Our first stop was the Pleistocene volcanic group (about twenty volcanic cones), but we were not able to reach the intended outcrop because of road conditions. Instead, we went to a Buddhist nunnery called Haotian Temple, which is built on the top of a volcano. On the way to the nunnery we were able to collect some volcanic bombs and scoria. We also observed Quaternary loess deposits below and above the volcanoes. Next, the group traveled to Huihai Coal-Water Mixture (CWM) Plant in Datong.



Participants visited a Buddhist nunnery. (Photo provided by Kuili Jin & Chen-Lin Chou)