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I warmly invite you and other geoscientists from around the world to attend the 24th V. M. Goldschmidt Conference, to be held June 8-14, 2014 in Sacramento, California. Sacramento is the Capital of the "Golden State" of California, so named both for the weather and for the gold deposits discovered in the mid-nineteenth century only 75 km from Sacramento. Nestled at the confluence of the Sacramento and American Rivers, the city is a gateway to many of California's natural wonders including majestic Yosemite National Park in the Sierra Nevada Batholith. The abundance of diverse geological features nearby, from ophiolites to batholiths to arc volcanoes to the classic Franciscan subduction complex, as well as mining activity and its environmental legacies, presents outstanding opportunities for field trips which will be a hallmark of the conference. Also nearby are the renowned Napa Valley, Sonoma Valley and Sierra Foothills wine regions and myriad other opportunities for cultural excursions. This venue offers excellent options for combining a high-level conference with a family vacation.

As the capital of a state with the world's ninth largest economy and significant production of agricultural and natural resources, Sacramento is a nexus of activity in these areas. The venue is thus uniquely opportune for topics such as energy, resources and environment wherein policy needs to be informed by science. As at previous Goldschmidt conferences, societally relevant topics such as these will be combined with the latest developments in all areas of geochemistry, cosmochemistry, and related fields. A Science Program comprising 25 themes has been developed by the International Program Committee, and can be viewed on the conference website goldschmidt.info/2014. A call for additional session suggestions is planned to be open on this website between September 15 and October 31, 2013. Please make sure to submit your abstract by February 1 and plan to join us in California next

I look forward to welcoming you to Goldschmidt 2014!

Paul Renne, President, Local Organizing Committee, 24th V. M. Goldschmidt Conference