

## Winner of the 2010 IAG Early Career Researcher Award

### Regina Mertz-Kraus

Dr Regina Mertz-Kraus was working at the Max-Planck Institut für Chemie in Mainz, Germany, when she was awarded the 2010 IAG Early Career Researcher Award for her paper on “Combined Th-U Isotope and Multi-Element Analyses by LA-ICP-MS” which she presented at the Goldschmidt conference in Knoxville, USA. The IAG’s panel of six judges selected her paper out of 636 submitted for consideration.

Dr Mertz-Kraus is now the laboratory manager of the Institute for Geosciences at the Johannes Gutenberg-University, Mainz, Germany. She is particularly involved with the paleoclimate and speleothem research team. With colleagues, she has recently published a 4000-year long Late Holocene climate record from Hermes Cave, Peloponnese, Greece, and helped develop NanoSr – a new carbonate microanalytical reference material for *in situ* strontium isotope analysis.

She is currently (2020) Vice President of the IAG.



*Dr Regina Mertz-Kraus receiving the 2010 Early Career Researcher Award from IAG president Dr Michael Wiedenbeck at the Goldschmidt Conference in Knoxville, USA*