

2009 Quality Assurance Workshops

In recent years, workshops devoted to the fundamentals of quality assurance (QA) in geochemistry have become a major IAG activity. These one-day workshops, typically attended by 15 to 20 analysts and data users, have given many participants their first contact with critical concepts, including uncertainty estimation, modern terminology and method validation. In 2009 three such workshops were sponsored by the IAG, the first being held in June in association with the Goldschmidt Conference in Davos. In late August, the IAG hosted a second workshop, in conjunction with the Micro-Analysis, Processes, Time (MAPT) conference (<https://www.minersoc.org/mapt-meeting.html>) in Edinburgh, this time highlighting issues of importance to *in situ* microanalysis. Finally, in early September in Johannesburg, IAG's metrology experts hosted a third workshop, immediately in advance of Geoanalysis 2009.



Participants in the IAG-sponsored workshop in Edinburgh. Here, for the first time, special emphasis was placed on QA aspects related to microanalysis.