

The following acceptance speech was delivered via video by S. Dare:

It is an absolute honour to accept the SGA Young Scientist Award this year. Thank you, Sarah-Jane, for the nomination and citation. And thank you to the SGA committee for selecting me amongst the other strong candidates. I really wanted to attend the conference this year, and to be here in person to receive the Medal today, but I had to decline as it is just too close to the end of my pregnancy.

I count myself very fortunate to have worked with, and learnt from, such wonderful and inspiring mentors and collaborators. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all so very much for investing their time and sharing their knowledge with me. In particular, I would like to thank my post-doc supervisor, **Sarah-Jane Barnes**, for giving me the opportunity to work on a number of great research projects with her. I learnt so much from her and I'd like to thank her for her guidance and friendship along the way.

I would also like to thank my co-authors for their expert **collaboration** during my Post-Doc: **Hazel Prichard** of Cardiff University, for teaching me about Platinum Group Minerals, and **Georges Beaudoin** (Laval University) for involving me in trace element studies of magnetite, which has now become the focus of my own research program.

I would like to dedicate this Medal to the dear **memory of Hazel Prichard**, who sadly passed away at the beginning of this year. Her passion and dedication to her research and teaching was an inspiration to me. During my PhD at Cardiff University, we shared many enjoyable weeks teaching both in the labs and on field trips. It was a pleasure to finally collaborate with her during my post-doc. She is sorely missed.

Finally I'd like to thank my parents and husband, **Dominique Genna** who also works on sulfide deposits – but the non-magmatic kind, for their continued love and support. I wish you all an enjoyable and productive conference.

Thanks again, merci beaucoup