

## **Citation: Jorge MRS Relvas SGA-KGHM KROL MEDAL**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honoured to present the citation of Dr. Jorge Manuel Rodrigues de Sancho Relvas – the fourth recipient of the very prestigious SGA-KGHM KROL MEDAL.

Jorge Relvas was born on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 1960 in Lobito, Angola where his parents worked for 7 years. After elementary and high school education in Sintra and Lisbon, he attended the University of Lisbon from which he graduated in 1991. In the year 2000, he successfully defended his Ph.D. thesis on “Geology and Metallogenesis at the Neves Corvo Deposit, Portugal” at the same university and became Assistant Professor. Habilitation from the University of Lisbon came in 2007 and since 2013 Jorge has been Associate Professor with Habilitation. Jorge has played an important role in the development of the SGA during past decades. He joined the Society in 2001 and actively served for two terms as Council member (from 2006 to 2009 and from 2010 to 2013). During these eight years, he worked closely with Anna Vymazalová (and other Council members) on student affairs, which included initiating a new strategy for making SGA attractive for global student community. This long-term and time-consuming effort was very successful, resulting in a steep growth of SGA student membership (from 126 in 2006 to 425 in 2013) while also increasing number of SGA Chapters. Much of this success is owed to Jorge’s talent for communicating with students, but also to his always friendly, very open and incredibly pleasant personality. I remember hardly a moment without a smile on his face. His strong dedication to SGA is also reflected by his activities as Vice-President (2014-2015), when he chaired the newly established SGA Educational Fund whose main goal was to seek donations and provide sustained financial support for students and economically disadvantaged professionals to participate in various SGA organized or co-sponsored events. At that time, he was also actively involved in preparation of the 13<sup>th</sup> SGA Biennial Meeting in Nancy, France (2015) where SGA celebrated its 50th Anniversary. His strong dedication to SGA continued. Well experienced with SGA administration, Jorge was elected as SGA President for 2016-2017. The election of this position itself is already a reflection of the high level of trust, confidence and appreciation of the SGA Council and membership at large for Jorge’s interest and engagement in SGA affairs. His top priority was to keep SGA a strong, healthy and renowned organization, with a highly ranked scientific journal, a large, truly global and actively involved membership, and a vibrant network of student chapters. The highlight of his presidency was surely the very successful 14<sup>th</sup> SGA Biennial Meeting in Quebec City (Canada 2017), the first of its kind on the North American continent, where he was heavily involved in its preparation.

Another example that illustrates Jorge's heart-felt support for, and interest in SGA matters is when, after finishing his presidency and his intention of leaving SGA management, he without hesitation stepped in as interim Promotion Manager in response to a sudden resignation. Jorge served in this position for another two years (2018-2019).

He was an active member of several SGA Committees (on membership, awards, and nominations).

Besides, Jorge Relvas has been an excellent scientist and teacher, well recognized especially in the field of VMS deposits, especially those in the Iberian Pyrite Belt and with a lifelong focus on Neves Corvo for which he became THE expert. During his 35 years of teaching and supervisory experience at the University of Lisbon and, for some time, at the Portuguese Military Academy, he supervised 10 PhD students and many MSc students.

His strong interest in outreach projects can be documented on developing the extremely successful Science Centre of Lousal, of which he is president.

Many of us have had the pleasure of interacting and collaborating scientifically with Jorge, who remains to be active member of global economic geology community. His deep attachment to SGA continues to date.

Jorge Relvas is surely one of those pillars on which SGA managed to build its success and on behalf of SGA, I would like to thank him for all his efforts in favour of SGA and congratulate him on this and other successes, wishing him all the best in his professional and private endeavours. Thank you for your attention.

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