

Professor Friedrich Finger, Austrian Geologist from Salzburg, is outstanding well-known personality in geosciences especially in the central Europe. His scientific activities are oriented into two main topics: accessory phosphates and Granite-genesis. During the past ten years he led three projects that have focused on monazite and these projects produced 30 well- cited publications in the highly ranked international journals. The most interesting articles are devoted to metamorphic behaviour of the accessory phosphates. His top cited papers according to WOS have more than 100 citations.

His experience with monazite was used also by Slovak geologist because Fritz was so kind and came here 16 years ago to introduce the monazite dating on microprobe at the Dionýz Štúr Geological institute.

His second scientific topic, Variscan orogeny, is oriented mainly on Bohemian Massif but important is also his wider correlation work including Western Carpathians. Recently he is leading the project „In search of geodynamic causes for post-collisional high heat flow and granitic plutonism in the south-western Bohemian Massif.

His teaching activities are oriented on magmatic petrology, geochemistry, accessory minerals and laboratory techniques.

Professor Finger is known with his very wide international collaboration mainly within central Europe. But he collaborates also with such scientists like John Clemens, Bruce Chappell, Daniel Harlov, Hans-Juergen Foerster, Axel Gerdes, Wolfgang Dor, Bernhard SchulzI.

Professor Friedrich Finger has 70 full publications from 2006-2016 and 53 in peer reviewed journals and 471 total citation. I am sure the medal goes to the right hands. I wish you all the best, fruitful cooperation, good projects and of course health. Congratulations.