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Published papers, as has been the case with previous WRI proceedings, describe the state of latest research on water-rock interactions in a wide spectrum of geochemical environments ranging from near-surface zones to hydrothermal and magmatic systems. Papers describe recent advances in theories and methodologies including instrumental techniques, isotopes and geochemical cycles. Although the environments and systems of study represent a continuum spatially and thermally, the papers were divided into 11 topics listed below:

- 1. New methodologies, techniques and applications;
- 2. Kinetics of water-rock interactions;
- 3. Stable and radiogenic isotopes;
- 4. Inorganic and organic-inorganic interactions;
- 5. Hydro-thermal processes in crater lakes;
- 6. Biogeochemistry;
- 7. Hydrothermal systems;
- 8. Microbial environments;
- 9. Deposition;
- 10. Chemical modeling;
- 11. Environmental issues related to mineral and energy resources.

These topics are the same as those listed in the WRI-8 circulars. To our surprise, we received very few manuscripts on biogeochemical cycles and global climate change. This topic was dropped. On the other hand, several topics received a large number of manuscripts and were subdivided into groups. The Hydrogeochemistry topic has the highest number of papers and was subdivided into four classical groups. These are: Surface waters;

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