

# Short Report on the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Sulfosalt Symposium

held in Tavagnasco, Italy from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of August, 2017

It started in July 2016 when professor Luca Bindi from the University of Florence came up with the idea to organize a second international symposium on sulfosalts. The first one took place in Binn (Valais, Switzerland) in 2014 and was a big success. Luca proposed to choose the small, but mineralogically interesting village of Tavagnasco in Piedmont, Italy, as meeting venue. In the following months, many hands - some of them FGL hands - worked in the background to organize the 2<sup>nd</sup> symposium and to prepare everything for a successful mineralogical event, bringing together collectors and scientists as it had been the case in Binn three years before. A logo using a Lengenbach seligmannite was created for the occasion by Lorenzo Bindi, Luca's son.



Everything was prepared in a highly professional manner when attendees and speakers arrived, most of them on Thursday, at their hotel(s). A shuttle service for the two-day meeting was available - something you usually see only at huge international congresses with thousands of people. The food was meeting the expectations that inevitably arise from a symposium located in Piedmont.



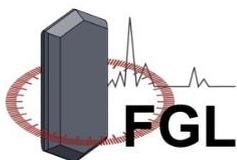
Luca Bindi, Philippe Roth (for the FGL), Marco Ciriotti (AMI president), and the mayor of Tavagnasco cordially welcomed over 50 attendees in a wonderful historic church, called *Chiesa Confraternita del Gesù*.



It was an unusual but absolutely suitable place for the meeting with a special atmosphere, also for the speakers on the podium.

Speakers from more or less all around the world covered numerous subjects, talking about many sulfosalt localities (e.g. Tavagnasco, Lengenbach, Buus, Vulcano, Apuan Alps, Uchucchacua, Merelani, Shimen, La Creusaz) as well as about highly sophisticated and deep scientific insights into the modularity and structure of sulfosalts.

The following pages will give you a few impressions on the meeting.



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