

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Georges Favreau

Inducted in 2000

Georges Favreau was born in Ajaccio, Corsica, and has been collecting microminerals for more than 25 years. During that period he has formed a collection of some 19,000 specimens representing 1600 species. He prefers to collect his material in person, but also has a world-wide exchange network which has provided him with many rare specimens.



A computer engineer by profession, Georges has many publications on microminerals to his credit, some written in collaboration with others, and some as sole author. His articles, mostly devoted to secondary arsenate and copper minerals, have appeared in such journals as *Lapis* and *Le Cahier des Micromonteurs*. Perhaps his greatest contribution to the spread of micromounting and the study of crystallography is his development of the 3D crystal-modelling computer application called FACES. This program is designed specifically for amateurs to help them visualize crystals.

Georges is deeply involved with others in the hobby, and makes every effort to attend and help at micromount symposia from Cremona to Tucson. He has discovered one new species (yvonite) and has shared in the discovery of another (cobaltlotharmeyerite). His skill in photomicrography has enabled him to deliver lectures to varied audiences, and his drive and determination have brought him to early recognition not only among his fellow countrymen, but in North America and other countries. He has earned high respect for his knowledge and for his willingness to share with others. Currently president of the Association Française de Microminéralogie, Georges Favreau is a splendid example of a dedicated and involved micromounter.