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During the forthcoming Divisional meeting on Saturday, May 17th, a report will be presented to the membership of the Volcanological Division concerning proposed field trips. Preliminary planning has been completed for potential trips to: 1) Iceland, 2) Canary Islands, 3) West Indies, and 4) Abitibi belt (massive sulfides and alteration pipes). The level of interest and possible timing for each field trip will be assessed at the meeting.

You are all no doubt aware of a proposal to form a Petrology Division in the G.A.C. and have probably given some thought to the possible influence of the proposal on our Division. At the forthcoming Waterloo meetings we should be in a position to respond to various alternatives that may be proposed regarding the possible relations between our Division and any proposed new Petrology Divisions.

Would we be causing an unnecessary fragmentation among our membership to create two separate divisions with such overlapping interests? Would the two divisions be drawing on largely the same group of members? The answers to these questions will no doubt be resolved at Waterloo. If the answers are both "Yes", should we perhaps be thinking of an expansion of the Volcanology Division to something analogous to the American Geophysical Union's Division of Volcanology, Petrology and Geochemistry?

Interest in this new Division has far exceeded expectations of the organisers. To date, 175 members of the Association have paid 1975 dues. We are hoping for a good attendance at the Divisional meeting in Waterloo - 8:15 a.m., Saturday, May 17th, Engineering Lecture Hall, Room 101.

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