

**Attikaite****Ca<sub>3</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>(AsO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O**

**Crystal Data:** Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* 2/m 2/m 2/m or mm2. As bent, scaly crystals flattened on [001] to 0.080 mm; in spherical aggregates to 0.3 mm.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Perfect on {001}. *Tenacity:* Flexible. Hardness = 2-2.5  
D(meas.) = 3.2(2) D(calc.) = 3.356

**Optical Properties:** Transparent. *Color:* Pale blue to greenish blue; colorless in transmitted light.  
*Streak:* Very pale blue. *Luster:* Vitreous.  
*Optical Class:* Biaxial (-).  $\alpha = 1.642(2)$   $\beta = \gamma = 1.644(2)$  2V(meas.) = 10(8) $^\circ$  2V(calc.) = 0 $^\circ$   
*Orientation:*  $X = c$ .

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* Pban, Pbam, or Pba2.  $a = 10.01(1)$   $b = 8.199(5)$   $c = 22.78(1)$   
 $Z = 4$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Christiana no. 132 mine, Kamareza, Laurion District, Attika, Greece.  
22.8 (100), 5.01 (90), 2.780 (70), 11.36 (60), 3.38 (50), 2.503 (50), 2.682 (30)

**Chemistry:**

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MgO	0.17
CaO	17.48
FeO	0.12
CuO	16.28
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.61
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.89
As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	45.45
SO <sub>3</sub>	1.39
H <sub>2</sub> O	7.61
Total	100.00

(1) Christiana no. 132 mine, Kamareza, Laurion District, Attika, Greece; average of 4 electron microprobe analyses, H<sub>2</sub>O by difference, IR confirms OH and H<sub>2</sub>O, corresponding to Ca<sub>2.94</sub>Cu<sup>2+</sup><sub>1.93</sub>Al<sub>1.97</sub>Mg<sub>0.04</sub>Fe<sup>2+</sup><sub>0.02</sub>[(As<sub>3.74</sub>S<sub>0.16</sub>P<sub>0.12</sub>)<sub>Σ=4.02</sub>O<sub>16.08</sub>](OH)<sub>3.87</sub>2.05H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Occurrence:** In the oxidized portions of polymetallic sulfide-quartz veins.

**Association:** Arsenocrandallite, arsenogoyazite, conichalcite, olivenite, philipsbornite, azurite, malachite, carminite, beudantite, goethite, quartz, allophane.

**Distribution:** Christiana no. 132 mine, Kamareza, Laurion District, Attiki Prefecture (Attika), Greece.

**Name:** For the place of its first occurrence, the historically significant region, Attika, Greece.

**Type Material:** A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow (catalog no. 3435/1).

**References:** (1) Chukanov, N.V., I.V. Pekov, and A.E. Zadov (2007) Attikaite, Ca<sub>3</sub>Cu<sub>2</sub>Al<sub>2</sub>(AsO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(OH)<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O, a new mineral. Zap. Ross. Mineral. Obshch., 136(2), 17–24 (in Russian, English abstract); (2007) Geology of Ore Deposits, 49, 720–726 (in English).  
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