



GOLD 2003
NEW INDUSTRIAL USES FOR GOLD

GOLD 2003 – VANCOUVER !

28 September – 1 October 2003

Announcement and Call for Papers

World Gold Council (WGC) and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) are pleased to announce their co-sponsorship of the International Conference on the Science, Technology and Industrial Applications of Gold which will be held in Vancouver on the 28 September - 1 October 2003.

This Conference follows the successful and stimulating 'Catalytic Gold' conference held in Cape Town, South Africa in April 2001 and builds on the more general meeting on 'Progress in the Science and Technology of Gold' which took place in Hanau, Germany in June 1996.

This international conference will cover all aspects of the science, technology and applications of gold under four principal themes: Gold Catalysis, Nanotechnology, Chemistry and Materials. The programme for each of these themes will be organised by separate technical committees. The programme will be especially designed to ensure that industrial participants can assess the potential application of recent advances in research on gold and open discussion will be encouraged. For those new to the field, some orientation workshop sessions on Sunday, 28 September are under consideration.

The conference organisation is under the general direction of Dr Christopher Corti, Director, International Technology, WGC, in collaboration with Mr Serge Major of CIM with support from Dr Richard Holliday, Industrial Applications Manager, WGC and the Technical Programme Co-ordinator, Dr David Thompson. CIM will be responsible for all the local arrangements.

The aim of this conference is to provide a forum whereby scientists and technologists in academia and industry can come together to learn of and discuss the latest advances, with the overall objective of encouraging commercial exploitation. Currently, many areas of gold science and technology are relatively underdeveloped but, as we continue to increase our knowledge about gold, we find that many aspects of it are unique and are of a kind that could engender important new industrial applications.

Conference Venue

The hotel is the Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina, Vancouver, nestled on the shores of Coal Harbour and overlooking the third largest city park in North America - 1,000 acres Stanley Park with the breathtaking Coastal Mountains beyond. This excellent location provides direct access to Vancouver's most popular business, shopping and entertainment districts. This award winning hotel has a new Conference Centre offering superb facilities for an international conference.

Host City



Vancouver: the Gold 2003 venue

Submission of Papers

Short synopses of proposed papers or posters (in English, one A4 page maximum) should be sent to:

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Requests for the First Circular (available soon) should be sent to The Conference Secretariat, address as above.

A conference website will be announced shortly.