



Dear Members

Interim Newsletter - Conference planning update and General Meeting details

We are delighted to be hosting the forthcoming international Seminar with the support from our membership.

The committee has managed to progress the ongoing work in spite of several setbacks. We had two members leave the committee due to family and work commitments but are pleased to announce that both have continued to support the committee. Paul has been continued with updating conference information on the website and Mignonne has continued to assist with catering arrangements and budgeting. Our thanks go to both Paul and Mignonne for their ongoing support and help. These departures have left a diminishing number of persons on the committee to continue with the conference organisation and our regular club meetings. Your committee currently numbers five who are active in Perth (two are temporarily away). We are in need of assistance to launch this 'value for money' seminar and the subsidiary events. We will be announcing areas where assistants are needed and we know we can count on you!

'Your value for money' Seminar!

Your Seminar runs over four days for a basic fee of \$95.00 and includes;

- Friday 8th June
 - A full day micro-mounting session including special presentations (\$20.00 including running tea and coffee!) (This event is now fully subscribed) Session organiser is Ted Fowler
 - Friday evening – **Rare Earth Elements** cocktail party for all registrants hosted by "Crystal Universe" at their showrooms/warehouse in Subiaco.
- Saturday 9th June
 - Registration and sessions for the first day – Eight world class local and international speakers, all experts in their specialist fields (see interim list at the end of this Newsletter). The day includes morning and afternoon tea, lunch and a **Rare Earth Elements** fabric, registration bag of goodies.
 - Evening Dinner Event – three course dinner at a popular city hotel and an exclusive Minerals Auction (open to Conference

attendees at \$65pp for dinner and the opportunity to bid on auction items)

- All day - Saturday and Sunday- your **ONLY WA opportunity** to see the exhibition and demonstration of the eminent mineral artist in attendance at the Seminar.
- Sunday 10th June
 - Second day session, further seven eminent speakers, local and international. This is your **only opportunity** to hear the presentations by many of these speakers in Australia!
 - Sunday Evening Event – **Rare Earth Elements** Open House and exhibition viewing with refreshments for all registrants at the home of our patron Mark Creasy. You will have the rare opportunity to view a large part of his private mineral collection, a unique opportunity for you.
- Monday 11th June
 - Morning Mineral Market – **Rare Earth Elements** auction open free of charge to both buyers and sellers who are registrants. A number of our speakers will be selling at this event.
- Tuesday 12th June
 - Commencement of the field trip (all registrants are eligible). The length of your trip is optional as the **full trip will be 10 days**. Any attendees opting for a shorter period **MUST** inform the trip leader in advance.

All these events are offered for a basic fee of \$95.00. Feedback from other clubs in Australia is positive and we stand accused of 'setting the bar very high' for future conferences. This conference has been planned as **VALUE for YOUR MONEY!**

We encourage you to bring along your family and friends to the conference dinner, this is the only opportunity they will have to meet with our guest speakers and enjoy the ambiance of the Seminar.

Club Meeting - Wednesday 16th May – At the Lapidary Clubrooms starting at 7.30pm.

This meeting will feature our Society microscope with a demonstration by Craig Tolchard from Leica Microscope Systems. He will demonstrate the wide capabilities of the system. You are invited to bring along mineral samples to show, project, and share with other members.

If you have any concerns or questions about any aspect of the Seminar we are keen to discuss these with you at the meeting on Wednesday. We will also welcome volunteers to assist with any aspect of the Seminar.

Ted East, Trip leader, will present an overview and details of the post-conference field trip at the meeting. This will be a 'questions and answers' session and your chance to find out more about the planned trip.

Supper is provided at the meeting.

Reports to be presented at the meeting include:

Reports of the Treasurer, Secretary and Incoming Mail for General Meeting 16th May 2012

Treasurer's report:

<u>Fixed term deposit</u>	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
<u>Bank Statement 1/3/2012</u>	<u>\$ 3,121.37</u>
Less cheque #78, flip chart board	(\$ 79.94)
Less cheque #79, MM symposium refund	(\$ 20.00)
Less cheque #76, hall hire Oct, Feb, April	(\$ 30.00)
Deposit 6/3/2012, 1 seminar payment	\$ 175.00
Interest from fixed term deposit	\$ 121.16
Deposit 8/3/2012, 4 seminar payments	\$ 830.00
Deposit 26/3/2012, 1 seminar payment	\$ 195.00
Deposit 27/3/2012, 6 seminar payments	\$ 955.00
(plus \$30 membership)	
Deposit 27/3/2012, 1 seminar payment	\$ 190.00
(plus \$30 membership)	
Deposit 28/3/2012, 1 seminar payment	\$ 115.00
<u>Deposit 30/3/2012, 2 seminar payments</u>	<u>\$ 320.00</u>
<u>Bank Statement 1/4/2012</u>	<u>\$ 6,122.59</u>
<u>Cash on hand (float)</u>	<u>\$ 81.00</u>
Unpresented cheques:	
Cheque #80, public liability insurance	(\$ 442.92)
Cheque #82, MM symposium refund	(\$ 20.00)
Cheque #83, MM symposium refund	(\$ 20.00)
Deposit 26/4/2012, 3 seminar payments	\$ 500.00

Outgoing commitments to date for the Seminar;

- Mercure Hotel for seminar dinner \$4,000.00
- State Library: \$1900.00 (excluding catering for lunches, morning and afternoon teas \$40.00 per head for Saturday and Sunday)
- mineral market: \$80.00
- GAA venue \$200.00

As at 4 May 2012, we have a total of 56 seminar registrations (21 from MinSocWA members).

Correspondence / Mail In:

1. W.A. Rockhunter No. 25, April 2012 & No. 26, May 2012
2. WebsterHydeHeath, insurance renewal paperwork (already paid)
3. Dept of Commerce invitation for information session – previously emailed as the event already took place on 2 May.

Following is a list of the Conference speakers and their topics:

Seminar Speakers

Steve Dobos	<i>"Introduction to Rare Earth Minerals"</i>
Theo Kloprogge	<i>"Rare Earth minerals in Scandinavia"</i>
Angela Riganti	<i>"Rare Earth deposits of Western Australia: discovery and resources"</i>
Peter Downes	<i>"Rare Earth minerals from the Cummins Range carbonatite, Western Australia".</i>
Brendan Shand	<i>"Geology and mineralization of the Mt. Weld deposit WA"</i>
Marcus Sweetapple	<i>"Petrogenetic classification of rare earth enriched pegmatites, with reference to their Rare Earth Elements mineralogy and Australian occurrences"</i>
Margot Willing	<i>"The Significance of Rare Earth Elements in Gemstones"</i>
Peter Elliott	<i>"The Paratoo Mine South Australia"</i>
Dudley J. Kingsnorth	<i>"The Rare Earths Industry: A Delicate Balancing Act"</i>
David Vince	<i>"Rare Earths in China: Abundance, Diversity, Controversy, and an Untapped Collectors' Opportunity"</i>
Rod Martin	<i>"Rare Earth Elements minerals from geothermal areas in NZ"</i>
Ralph Bottrill	<i>"Rare Earth Elements deposits in Tasmania"</i>
Trudi Kennedy	<i>"Rare Earth Elements in meteorites"</i>
Dermot Henry	<i>Title to be advised</i>
Iz Fodi	<i>Rare Earth minerals from Mont St-Hilaire, Canada</i>

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