

## Wealth Creation in the Minerals Industry May 14–16, 2006, Keystone, Colorado

The Society's major stand-alone conference next year is entitled "Wealth Creation in the Minerals Industry" and will be held at the Keystone Resort in Colorado May 14 through 16. With a strong focus on the economic aspects of economic geology, the technical program for Keystone is coming together nicely.

The Organizing Committee has assembled a very interesting line-up of senior mining industry leaders to speak on their exploration strategies and operations best practices to create and deliver wealth for their shareholders. We are delighted that industry leaders such as Chip Goodyear (BHP Billiton), Pierre Lassonde (Newmont), and Tom Albanese (RioTinto) have agreed to share their corporate exploration and wealth creation strategies with us. The Day 1 speaker line-up embraces a spectrum of commodities from gold, base metals, uranium, and diamonds, and a mix of views from the world's largest miners and explorers, to those creating value from innovative or entrepreneurial practices. Geoff Stanley, originally an Australian exploration geologist and now a successful equities analyst on Wall Street, will provide a financial market perspective on the exploration business.

The Day 2 program focuses on operating best practice and the ways in

which mining companies apply good geoscience to deliver on the wealth they have created during the earlier exploration or acquisition process. Again, a strong line-up of talks from senior operators is scheduled.

Day 2 will also feature a session on sustainability. One of the great challenges for our industry is to marry the societal and environmental bottom lines with the economic and business outcomes of our activities. Ian Thompson and Susan Joyce will present a talk as well as a post-conference workshop on Sustainable Development and the Social License to Operate.


The Day 3 program will feature case studies, volunteered presentations, and student research on the broad topics of this meeting. There has been a very strong response to the Call for Papers, and Borden Putnam and his program committee will have the difficult task of determining which of the many excellent abstracts received will be accepted for oral presentation on Day 3. The response from SEG members has been most gratifying and whatever the program committee decides a top-notch program of technical talks is assured. Details of the meeting and current program are on p. 11–12 of this issue of the *Newsletter*.

The SEG will also be hosting the first-ever global meeting of student chapters

at Keystone immediately prior to SEG 2006, so we are anticipating strong participation from student and mining student leaders from around the world. (See separate full-color announcement on the inside front cover of this issue).

Planning is also well advanced for an exhibition of mining and exploration products and services at Keystone. We are aiming to showcase the latest tools, field equipment, and interpretive services being offered to the industry. Laura Reed has already received strong expressions of interest from prospective exhibitors and we are anticipating a good showing from the services side of our business.

Pre- and post-conference workshops featuring the themes of this meeting are being developed by Nate Brewer, and Eric Nelson is organizing field trips to Cripple Creek, Henderson, Carlin, and the Lisbon Valley. Details of conference workshops and field trips are on p. 11–12 of this *Newsletter*.

With budget time approaching, now is the time to make your travel plans to be in Keystone in May of next year. 



**JOHN A. S. DOW**  
(SEG 1998 F), Chairman,  
2006 Organizing  
Committee