

# Whistler 2013: Geoscience for Discovery

September 24-27, 2013

Whistler, BC



## Press Release

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### **Leading scientists and industry thinkers gather in Whistler to discuss exciting new developments in mineral deposit science and discovery**

Geoscientists from around the world will be gathering in Whistler from September 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> to share new developments in leading edge mineral deposit science and discovery. The Society of Economic Geologists (SEG) and the SEG Canada Foundation are pleased to present “Whistler 2013: Geoscience for Discovery”, a technical conference that will bring together more than 800 of the world’s top scientists, industry leaders, and students in economic geology from 35 countries.

The discovery of metallic mineral deposits is essential to modern society; we use minerals in every industry to sustain our way of life. With ever increasing demand for metals and minerals, new and innovative science is essential to uncovering future mineral deposit discoveries. “SEG Whistler will bring some of the best people involved in the study of the latest mineral deposit models together with exploration geologists to create the new ideas that we will need to discover the next generation of our needed new metal mines,” stated John Thompson, Technical Committee Chair, Consultant, and past VP Technology at Teck Resources.

The conference has a strong focus on student and young professional involvement. “The SEG Canada Foundation is proud to be fulfilling its primary objective of providing financial assistance to students from around the world so that they can attend the conference and share the results of their research with the professionals,” says Gerry Carlson, SEG Canada Foundation President and conference Co-Chair.

This transfer of knowledge between scientists of different generations is important for continuation of mineral deposit science and the health of the minerals industry. “At SEG Whistler, students and young professionals will mix with exploration geologists who have made major mineral deposit discoveries and leading edge scientists who are developing the latest ideas and concepts to explain the geological process that form these deposits. The excitement and knowledge that Whistler 2013 generates will stay with these young geologists throughout their careers,” says Craig Hart, Director of the Mineral Deposit Research Unit at the University of British Columbia, and conference Co-Chair.

The conference features invited and submitted presentations from the leading edge of academic research and mineral exploration. Oral and poster technical presentations are spread over three full days and feature a variety of topics, including:

- Richard Sillitoe, world-renowned consultant from the UK, will examine the quirks of the regional distribution of mines and mineral deposits around the northern Pacific Rim.

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- Tom Albanese, of Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd, Australia, will discuss new approaches required to meet changing mineral exploration environments.
- Claire Chamberlain, of Teck Resources, will discuss the latest findings on the study of British Columbia's gold-enriched porphyry copper deposits.
- Jeremy Richards, one of the foremost porphyry copper deposit researchers, from the University of Alberta, will examine the deep crustal sources of magmas and metals.

The meeting will also include pre- and post-conference field trips, to areas within BC and abroad, and specialized short course offerings that will provide opportunities for valuable experience and in-depth discussion amongst participants.

A busy social schedule includes many networking opportunities as well as a dinner that will feature the presentation of prestigious SEG awards, including the Penrose Gold Medal, the SEG Silver Medal, the Waldemar Lindgren Award, the Ralph W. Marsden Award, the Brian J. Skinner Award, the Traveling Lecturer Awards and the Honorary Fellowship Awards.

### **About the Society of Economic Geologists (SEG)**

Active for almost 100 years, the Society of Economic Geologists currently serves 7,000+ members worldwide who are committed to advancing the science and discovery of mineral resources through research, publications, courses, and field trips. The Society's membership includes representatives from industry, academia, and government institutions.

### **About the Society of Economic Geologists Canada Foundation (SEGCF)**

The SEGCF facilitates charitable contributions by Canadians and Canadian corporations to support innovative research and education in economic geology by students at Canadian institutions.

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