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#### YELLOWKNIFE 2007 MAY 23–25, 2007

Yellowknife will host the first GAC-MAC conference north of  $60^{\circ}$ . The conference coincides with the beginning of the International Polar Year.

The City of Yellowknife, capital of the Northwest Territories, is located on the north shore of Great Slave Lake and is famous for its Aurora Borealis and midnight sun. Founded in 1935 following the discovery of gold, the city now serves as a hub for mining and transportation, and provides infrastructure support for Canada's diamond mines.

Yellowknife 2007 will feature symposia and special sessions that highlight Canada's North: its climate, its culture, its mining heritage, and its future.

Although the weather can be cold in the North, the hospitality will be warm. We hope you can join us at the Yellowknife meeting from May 23 through May 25, 2007.

Here are some of the symposia and special sessions that will be held:

- Mitigation of Environmental Impact of Mining in the North
- Mineral Deposit Models and Regional Exploration Symposium and Workshop
- Submarine Volcanism and Associated Mineralization: Modern versus Ancient
- Geospatial Information and Tools in Support of Geosciences in the Canadian Arctic
- Recent Advances in the Geology of Laurentia
- Short-lived Magmatic Events of the Slave Province and Environs: Critical Time Markers and Indicators of Tectonic Processes
- Northern Energy and Sedimentary Basins
- Northern Mineral Deposits
- Diamonds: Exploration to Production
  a Northern Canada Perspective
- Sustainable Mineral Resources Development: Critical Issues for Canada's North
- Northeast Canada and Greenland: Geology, Correlations, and Resource Potential
- Comparative Planetary Geology: Terrestrial Analogues to Mars and the Moon in the Arctic
- International Polar Year Research
- New Exploration Techniques for Unconventional and Atypical Ore Deposits

The local organizing committee has negotiated special rates for flights to Yellowknife from Edmonton. For more information, check http://www.nwtgeoscience.ca/yellowknife2007/welcome\_en.html



## The Geology of Gem Deposits MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA SHORT COURSE

21–22 May 2007, Yellowknife, Canada Short Course organizer: **Lee Groat**, University of British Columbia

This two-day short course will look at gemstones from a geological perspective. It will precede Yellowknife 2007—the joint annual meeting of the Geological Association of Canada and the Mineralogical Association of Canada, in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada. It will be a unique opportunity to experience a change of climate and a meeting north of 60°. A special session entitled "Diamonds: Exploration to Production – A Northern Canada Perspective" and a post-conference field trip to the Canadian diamond mines, sponsored by BHP and Diavik, will complement the short course.

Gem deposits are rare because in general the conditions that promote their formation are unusual and thus worthy of scientific study. Recently modern geological and analytical techniques have been applied to gem occurrences in Canada and elsewhere, and our models and understanding of their formation are being radically altered. This short course will review our current understanding of diamond, ruby, sapphire, and emerald deposits but will also examine the lesser-known coloured gems.

- 1. INTRODUCTION
- 2. DIAMOND DEPOSITS (THOMAS STACHEL, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA)
- 3. Gem corundum (ruby and sapphire) deposits (Gaston Giuliani, IRD and CRPG/CNRS)
- 4. Gem beryl (emerald, aquamarine, etc.) deposits (Dan Marshall, Simon Fraser University)
- 5. PEGMATITE GEM DEPOSITS (SKIP SIMMONS, UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS)
- 6. JADE DEPOSITS (GEORGE HARLOW, AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY)
- 7. CANADIAN COLOURED GEM OCCURRENCES (BRAD WILSON, ALPINEGEMS LTD.)

Registration fees: CDN\$425 (professionnal) and CDN\$250 (students)

For more information, e-mail Lee Groat at lgroat@eos.ubc.ca or visit the conference website at www.nwtgeoscience.ca/Yellowknife2007



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#### **UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS 2005–2006**

The MAC Undergraduate Awards are given annually to undergraduate students for excellence in one of the fields covered by MAC (mineralogy, crystallography, petrology, geochemistry, and economic geology). The award consists of one free publication and a one-year subscription to the online version of *The Canadian Mineralogist*.

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- Stephanie A. Blais, St. Francis Xavier University
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#### **STUDENT TRAVEL/RESEARCH GRANTS 2007**

The Mineralogical Association of Canada will award travel and research grants to assist honours undergraduate and graduate students in the mineral sciences to:

- Present their research at a conference
- Attend a short course or a field trip relevant to their field of study
- Visit a facility, laboratory or field area to gather data for their research
- Pay for analyses or equipment for their research

The maximum grant value is CDN\$1200 per student. Grants will fund up to 50% of costs incurred for registration, travel and subsistence, and up to 100% of other research costs (e.g. equipment, analyses). Quotations and receipts may be requested for any equipment purchased.

#### Eligibility

- Graduate students and honours students at the undergraduate level in one of the fields covered in *The Canadian Mineralogist* (mineralogy, crystallography, petrology, economic geology and geochemistry)
- Grant recipients must submit a report of their travel or research for possible publication by MAC.

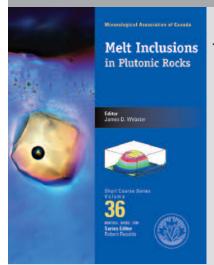
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