



International Association on the Genesis of Ore Deposits (IAGOD)



Attn: Dhiraj Banerjee and John Ludden
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c/o Secretariat, 37th International Geological Congress
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RE: Letter of support to the Canadian Bid to host the 38th International Geological Congress

Dear Dhiraj Banerjee and John Ludden,

It is an honour and a pleasure to write this letter to support the bid to host the 38th International Geological Congress (IGC) in Calgary, Canada. As you might be aware, the International Association on the Genesis of Ore Deposits (IAGOD) has a long history in supporting scientific programs, workshops, and fieldtrips associated with IGC. This year in Busan, South Korea, during the 37th IGC, both Prof. David R. Lentz and I will be representing IAGOD. We (IAGOD) will have a booth again as well as co-convening two sessions on the topic of Resource Geology and Economic Geology (T12): 'Ore-forming Magmatic Hydrothermal Systems: analysis of source to sink in deposit genesis', and 'Granitic Pegmatite-Hosted Critical Mineral Deposits', respectively, but have instigated many more in T12 with our contacts and advertised extensively on our LinkedIn groups in the resource sector, as well as Elements magazine.

Canada has strong and lively mineral exploration and mining industries. Therefore, I expect that industry groups would be highly supportive of activities related to ICG, such as sponsoring parts of the technical program, workshops, and field trips. Calgary has a strong connection to the energy sector and the province of Alberta has been extremely supportive of research and government programs for a better understanding of their critical minerals' resources, as have most provinces and territories in Canada. Therefore, we expect a strong turnout from the mineral resources' community attending IGC.

From our continuous participation and support of IGC over the years, we think IAGOD is in a good position and willing to help the Canadian team, as we have done extensively in the past, to develop scientific content, workshops, and field trips related with the vast topic of Ore Geology.

The last time IGC was held in Canada was in 1972, and the last IGC was hosted in North America was in 1989. We would like to see IGC to be hosted in Canada in 2028 and wish the Canadian team all the best with their bid to host the 38th IGC in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Sincerely,

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