

## Academics, Wealth Creation and SEG

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The upcoming SEG stand-alone meeting on Wealth Creation in the Minerals Industry (May 14–16, 2006, Keystone, Colorado) is a rare opportunity for ore deposit academics to prove that the word “economic” belongs in SEG. SEG, through both its name and its membership, is one of the few scientific societies that recognizes the important influence that economic activity has on teaching and research. Despite this obvious connection, most SEG technical programs deal with research advances and relegate discussion about economics and business to the halls. As a result, many of us who do not deal with economic issues on a day-to-day basis lose touch with the realities that control what goes on in our science and that support our activities.

This time, the stage is being reversed and economic considerations are moving to the front. The value of this move should be obvious to academics. We will get guidance for our own activities by hearing more about the problems and commodities that are likely to be of greatest interest to industry in the future. We will also have a chance to influence thinking on these issues through questions and discussion, while dealing with even more immediate topics of interest to us, such as student employment and research funding. Finally, we might incorporate more of these issues into our teaching.

I expect this conference to produce a stronger SEG and a cadre of academic members with a better appreciation for our middle name. It might even lead to ore deposit courses that do as much to prepare geologists for business and management as they do to prepare them for exploration and research. If we can grow along this path, we might help train the next generation of economic geologists to be better prepared for the real-world mineral resource challenges that will face them and society.

## SEG STUDENT CHAPTER CONFERENCE: MAY 13, 2006

SEG is pleased to announce major corporate sponsorship for students to attend the SEG Student Chapter Conference on May 13, 2006. This conference is an integral part of the May 14-16, 2006 SEG meeting on “Wealth Creation in the Minerals Industry” in Keystone, Colorado, USA – students must register for this meeting as a prerequisite for attending the Student Chapter Conference. The Society will sponsor the attendance by representatives from more than 40 SEG student chapters worldwide as well as selected students from countries that do not yet have student chapter representation. Other students will also be eligible for financial assistance and discounts. The conference will include poster presentations by students and breakout sessions where students prepare several white papers focusing on how the SEG can better serve students worldwide.

Students will be chosen by the Student Conference Selection Committee on the basis of 1,000-word abstracts on their research (submitted to [Students2006@segweb.org](mailto:Students2006@segweb.org)) and willingness to present a poster at the main Keystone meeting (May 14–16). Please note that abstracts need **not** be directly related to the theme “Wealth Creation in the Minerals Industry” but must be submitted not later than the revised deadline of **November 30, 2005**. Successful applicants will be required to provide digital copies of their posters by **March 1, 2006**. We are planning on several avenues of financial assistance for students – up to \$2,000 in travel grants, a 75% discount in registration fees, and a significant subsidy for hotel accommodation.

**Requirements:** Students who wish to be considered for support to attend the conference should meet the following requirements:

- be registered full-time at an accredited university or college
- preferably belong to an SEG Student Chapter, or be based in a country that is not represented by an SEG Student Chapter – see list of current student chapters at [www.segweb.org/StudentChapters.htm](http://www.segweb.org/StudentChapters.htm)
- be an SEG student member, or have applied for SEG student membership
- be able to understand and speak English

**This conference represents an unparalleled career opportunity for students. We expect high attendance at Keystone, so start planning now!**

# Wealth Creation in the Minerals Industry

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