



Over the past 6 years, AMIRA International with the help of over 100 sponsors (mining companies, government organisations and professional societies) from around the globe has been building the foundations of a community world encyclopaedia of ore deposits through its project *Data Metallogenica* ([www.datametallogenica.com](http://www.datametallogenica.com)). There is already an impressive amount of material available on the website (over 6 gigabytes), much of it unique, which is being continuously augmented with new material.

Recent news in the life of DM includes:

### **DM at Roundup 2006**

Recently, the BC & Yukon Chamber of Mines (now the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia) has generously agreed to sponsor DM at its major Mineral Exploration Roundup Conference in Vancouver in January 2006. DM will be operating a trade show booth with full web access – if you are attending please come and see us and try out the live web database for yourselves. **We will be in the Mezzanine on Monday 23 January and in the Mackenzie Room on Tuesday 24 January.**

As an added bonus, enter our draw at the meeting for a really prize bottle of premium Australian red wine (Penfold's famous *St Henri* shiraz – "poor man's Grange").

### **New Thesis Database**

Increasing numbers of university theses are being offered to Data Metallogenica, and we are currently assessing the best means of display on-line. In the meantime, a separate AMIRA project (P874) by Professor Allan White and Dr Amarendra Changkakoti from the University of Melbourne has commenced with the support of 14 sponsors – the aim is to develop an Australian thesis database, including short summaries of each thesis related to mineralisation. This neglected data resource will become easily accessed via the Internet, providing a valuable information resource for all exploration and mining companies in Australia, as well as researchers around the world. Access will initially be confined to sponsors only so consider joining up.

An early deliverable has been the basic listing of over 4000 theses so far, with another 1000-2000 to be loaded shortly. The database will later be included in DM.

[Click here for further information](#)

### **Temporary Closure of the Data Metallogenica Centre**

As previously advised, the physical Data Metallogenica collection has had to be placed in temporary storage following expiry of our lease. The collection was meticulously packed in late 2005 into several large shipping containers and is currently being stored in Adelaide pending discussion and negotiations for a more permanent future home. Sponsor access has therefore ceased, but AMIRA is very mindful of its overall obligations to permanently preserve access for the sponsors, and will arrange a new display location as soon as practicable. Sponsors and supporters will be advised when this is achieved.

Please note that the continued development of DM is not seriously affected, with significant new information being regularly added to the DM website ([www.datametallogenica.com](http://www.datametallogenica.com)) which is managed and operated by AMIRA in Melbourne. Over the last few months, an extensive campaign of single sample photography has been mounted while the collection was still accessible. This has provided a large reserve of new material that will be added to the website progressively into next year as data processing progresses. New rock samples continue to arrive from sponsors and other organisations, and will be photographed then added to the physical collection as soon as practicable.

We apologise for this disruption in access to the physical collection which is unavoidable. Please contact Alan Goode for any further information.

### **New Gold Additions**

Despite the major disruption of having to pack the physical collection, new data galleries continue to be constructed for major undeveloped gold deposits such as Sukhoi Log in Russia and Donlin Creek in Alaska.

### **Coming Soon**

Excellent new material continues to be offered by sponsors and individuals to DM for loading on the website. In the next part of the program, new data galleries will be constructed for major deposits such as Noril'sk in Russia, Muruntau in Uzbekistan, Frieda River, Ramu and Kainantu in PNG, Chatree in Thailand, Telfer in Australia and many others.

For further information on other recent additions please visit:

[News Page](#) or [New Data Galleries](#)

This is a great start but there is a huge amount still to do.

**DM is not-for-profit but must be self-funding. Your support is essential for the continued growth of DM.**

Please consider:

- [Becoming a web subscriber](#) or [Becoming a sponsor](#)

Apart from providing the necessary financial support for continued growth, your involvement will give you and your colleagues unlimited access from virtually anywhere in the world to a great and growing unique database of continuous value.

The primary objectives of *Data Metallogenica* are to be:

- A primary web portal for “high-level” information on global ore deposits.
- An information source and rock reference base for experienced geologists, analysts and regulators.
- A training resource for younger geologists in companies.
- An education and research resource for students and teachers at universities.
- A permanent and easily accessible repository of much “fragile” and transient data held by individuals and companies – an ultimate world encyclopaedia of mineral deposits.
- A fast integrated link to detailed and supporting quality data sets elsewhere, including commercial providers, government surveys and university research groups.

**We would welcome your support in becoming part of this great enterprise. The cost is surprisingly low at about \$1 – 2 per week per geoscientist.**

**Please circulate this email to your colleagues and friends.**

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An archive of past data releases is available on the DM website.

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