

10th INTERNATIONAL KIMBERLITE
CONFERENCE
BANGALORE, INDIA
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In February 2012 the 10IKC was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Bangalore, India, **Figure 10 IKC-1**, with fieldtrips to the kimberlites of Southern India and to the lamproites of Northern/Central India.



As this author did not attend the fieldtrips, the activities of Conference delegates are confined to the Conference itself and the local excursions which were organised. Also, many pictures shown here are taken from the files supplied by the Conference photographer. Unfortunately, this webpage now appears to have been removed from 10IKC web information.

Nearby the Sheraton Hotel is the Vaishnava temple of the Hare Krishna Movement. **Figure 10 IKC-2** shows its local dominance. There were a great many local devotees, but Evan Smith, **Figure 10 IKC-3**, and the author survived the experience.





Figure 10 IKC-4 shows Roger Mitchell, Barbara Scott Smith, and Barry Dawson along with John Gurney, Herb Helmstaedt and Charles Fipke learning about kimberlite geology and emplacement.



On the evening of the 1st day, dinner was at the Bangalore Club a very exclusive watering-hole. **Figure 10 IKC-5** shows that Evan and the author dressed appropriately. Other attendees were Robin Preston, Mike de Wit being very impressed by 'the lady in red', **Figure 10 IKC-6**.



Day 2 of the Conference was about diamond exploration and **Figure 10 IKC-7** shows Felix Kaminsky and C Patel, on the left of that image managing affairs, the other two people being Nick Pokhilenko and Leon Daniels delivering their talks.



Discussion about the talks was brisk, aided of course, by a refreshing beer. **Figure 10 IKC-8** shows Kate Kiseeva and Paolo Nimis, Jeff Harris and Yana Fedortchouk, Steve Shirey and Steve Haggerty, and Pierre Cartigny.



One of the local excursions was to the Lalbagh Botanical Gardens, a generous area of park, glasshouses, flower arrangements, statues, and lakes. **Figure 10 IKC-9** gives the reader a flavour of this relaxing area in Bangalore.



After the gardens came a visit to the Bull Temple where the author was given the 'red spot' for which a payment was made, **Figure 10 IKC-10**. The red spot is not to be confused with the black spot given by Blind Pew to Billy Jones in the wonderful book by Robert Louis Stephenson called 'Treasure Island'. In that case the spot was the portend of a much more serious event.



Back at the Conference the great and the good were in full flow during the session on diamonds. **Figure 10 IKC-11** shows Ben Harte, Pierre Cartigny, Larry Taylor and Felix Kaminsky.



Figure 10 IKC-12 shows Oded Navon, Jeff Harris, John Gurney with Steve Haggerty arguing some important case.



About this time was the main group photograph, but the more important one was that of the ‘old farts’, shown in **Figure 10 IKC-13**, even if Steve Haggerty is missing. From L to R we have, Mal McCallum, Roger Mitchell, Barry Dawson, Barbara Scott-Smith, Volker Lorentz, Jeff Harris, Herb Helmstaedt, and John Gurney.



Day 4 was about the evolution of kimberlites and lamproites and was of particular interest to the people shown in **Figure 10 IKC-14**. Top left is Andrew Fagan, Karen Smit and Katie Smart. Top right is Larry Heaman, Sonja Aulbach and Steve Shirey. Those with bottles in their hands are Sonja Aulbach, Sebastian Tappe, Andrew Fagan and Yakov Weiss. Kate Kiseeva is talking to a Russian delegate with Paolo Nimis looking on.





Also, whatever the delegate said to Roberta Rudnick certainly cheered her up, **Figure 10 IKC-15**.

Another principal attraction in Bangalore is the Bannerghatta National Park, in which lions and tigers have space to roam. **Figure 10 IKC-16** is a white tiger. It is not an albino and lives with the normal colour tigers, also shown in Figure 10 IKC-16.



The final day of the Conference was all about mantle metasomatism and much interest was generated from some delegates. **Figure 10 IKC-17** shows colourful Pierre Cartigny, Gerhard Brey, and Gareth Davies asking questions with Herb Helmstaedt in serious concentration.

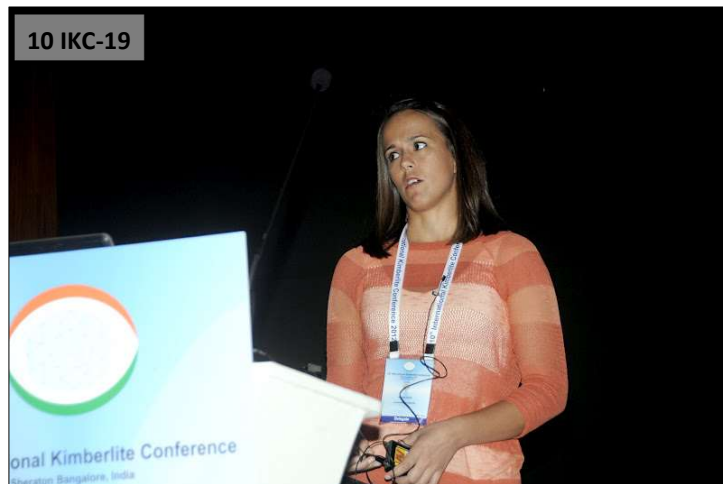




Lucy Hunt has just finished her talk providing a portrait and profile of the chair-person Roberta Rudnick in **Figure 10 IKC-18**.



In **Figure 10 IKC- 19** it seems that Karen Smit has been asked one of those questions which she placed in the category 'you must be kidding'.



On the final evening the delegates were entertained to spectacular display of Indian traditional dancing. When it was all over Barry Dawson went and sat with the dancers, **Figure 10 IKC- 20**.