

5th INTERNATIONAL KIMBERLITE CONFERENCE
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The 5IKC took us to Brazil, the conference being held in the western part of Minas Gerais state, at Araxá, and centred at a very large spa hotel called Grande Hotel Termas (**Figure 5 IKC-1**). The spa waters doubtless benefitted from the elements likely to be found in the nearby niobium mine.

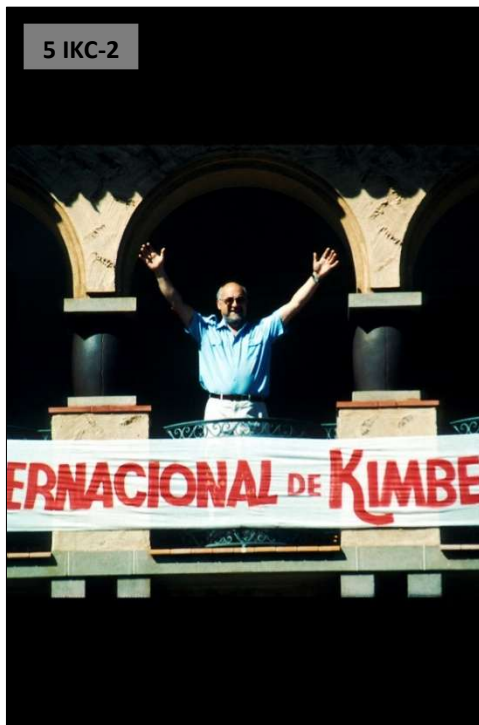


Figure 5 IKC-2 shows Henry Meyer introducing us all to the hotel from a commanding balcony, but John Gurney, who took this picture, regarded it as a ‘Papal Blessing’.

Figure 5 IKC-3 has the author and Volker Lorenz on one of the palatial lawns with the hotel in the background.



The principal fieldtrip was an examination of the Cretaceous intrusions in western Minas Gerais and was attended by over 100 delegates. **Figure 5 IKC-4** shows the party at an alluvial mine.



Figure 5 IKC-5 and **Figure 5 IKC-6** illustrate the broad spectrum of interests of the party; for example Joe Boyd examining coffee beans and Dorrit Jacob chasing parrots in the local jungle.



In view of the heat and humidity, to bathe in a local river was deemed necessary and **Figure 5 IKC-7 and Figure 5 IKC-8** (in both cases from left to right) and shows Maureen Muggeridge, Margo Boyd at the waterfall, Dorrit Jacob (?) next to Bob Thompson, and hovering Joe Smyth (7) and Jorg Keller, Bill McDonough and Wayne Taylor (8). Apparently, the stream contained some small leaches which needed to be removed from some of the party.



There was a couple of occasions when the bar in the hotel ran dry. **Figure 5 IKC-9** shows Barry Dawson and Alexander Rodionov leading the charge.