

6th INTERNATIONAL KIMBERLITE CONFERENCE
NOVOSIBIRSK, RUSSIA
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In 1995 the 6IKC went to Russia, more specifically to Siberia and its capital Novosibirsk. The main residence for delegates was a sanatorium, slightly out of town, within which there was a lecture theatre (**Figure 6 IKC-1**).



Adjacent was a park area complete with a large lake and swimming pool. **Figure 6 IKC-2** shows Roberta Rudnick and Zdislav Spetsius taking advantage of these two facilities.





Figure 6 IKC-3 is a major part of the German delegation with Herb Helmstaedt (standing). From left to right we have Frank Brenker, Leander Franz, Stephan Kurszlaukis, Jork Jarick, and Volker Lorenz.



A principal fieldtrip was a visit to some of the kimberlites of Yakutia. Mines included Aikhal, Zarnitsa, Udachnaya, Sytykan, Yubileinaya and Mir. Delegates initially flew to Polyarny and this journey overflew the Internationalny mine, **Figure 6 IKC-4**, with its distinctive pipe landslip.

Figure 6 IKC-5 is the Mir kimberlite with the city of Mirny beyond and **Figure 6 IKC-6** a view of the pit from the rim of the mine.

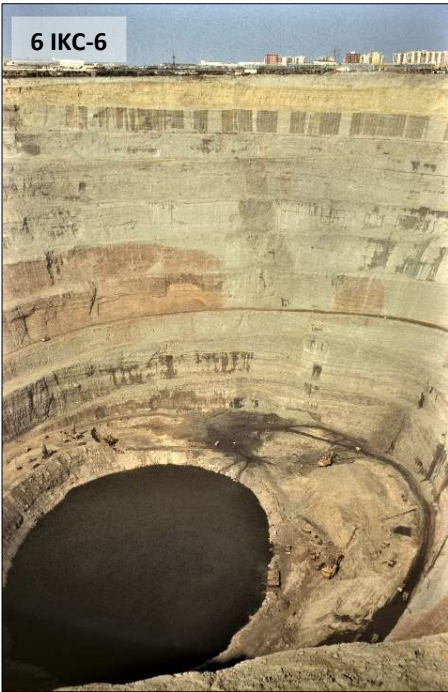




Figure 6 IKC-7 shows Sam Pearson eyeing up a diamond for an earring and standing as a lone figure in the pit bottom at Mir, Figure 6 IKC-8.



Figure 6 IKC-9 and Figure 6 IKC-10 show the Udachnaya and Yubileiny (?) open-cast mines.



6 IKC-11



The social scene on this fieldtrip was up to the usual high standards, **Figure 6 IKC-11** showing the daily allowance of booze for the trip.

6 IKC-12



Figure 6 IKC-12 clearly shows Graham and Sam Pearson, an Unknown, Thomas Stachel and Dörte Garrit, all enjoying this largesse.

There was also the obligatory photograph beneath Lenin. **Figure 6 IKC-13** has Gerhard Brey, an Unknown, Dorrit Jacob, Dörte Garrit, Sam Pearson, Vincent Salters, Stephan Kurszlauskis, Graham Pearson and Leander Franz.

6 IKC-13



Finally, **Figure 6 IKC-14** is a group photograph of some of the delegates on the fieldtrip. [Back row. Unknown Russian, Mark Hutchison, Thomas Stachel, Gabobatse Jambo (Botswana), his boss Jim Gibson, Unknown. Next row down: Mathew Field, Unknown, Gayle Kiviets, Jessica Carvelho (?), unknown. Next row down: Graham Pearson, Wayne Taylor, Luiz Bizzi, Michael Baumgartner, Unknown. Bottom Row: Unknown, Andrew Menzies].



Figure 6 IKC-15 is the obligatory photograph of delegates who have been to all the Conferences. Back is Herb Helmstaedt, John Gurney, Bill Griffin, Joe Boyd and Bram Janse. Front row consists of Roger Mitchell and Steve Haggerty, Jeff Harris, Barry Dawson, Barbara Scott-Smith, Mal McCallum and Volker Lorentz.



On returning to Moscow from Novosibirsk airport there was some drama with the luggage. **Figure 6 IKC-16** shows a team effort with Dorrit Jacob, Peter Deines and Michael Baumgartner, putting excess luggage into the aircraft.

