

8th INTERNATIONAL KIMBERLITE CONFERENCE
VICTORIA, CANADA
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The 8IKC was held in Canada, in Victoria on Vancouver Island. The Conference was at the Fairmount Empress Hotel shown in **Figure 8 IKC-1**.



A group photo of the delegates is shown in **Figure 8 IKC-2**.



Victoria is a lively place and delegates took full advantage of the many attractions. There was for example a JazzFest complete with a Mardi Gras evening and Michael Seitz took to the stage with the Temptations in **Figure 8 IKC-3**.



Another popular event was whale watching and **Figure 8 IKC-4** shows members of the Frankfurt department kitted out ready to go. From L to R we have Stephan Buhre, Jürgen Glimmerman, two Unknowns, Frank Brenker, Dorrit Jacob, Margaret Hanrahan and Yann Lahaye.



Figure 8 IKC-5 shows that they were successful – orcas in clear view.



Others, such as John Armstrong and Thomas Stachel in Figure 8 IKC-6, sampled other delights from the sea.



Two of the field trips were to see the alkali rocks of Montana and some of the kimberlites and diamond mines on the Slave Craton. The Montana trip started at Missoula and went west round the central part of the state. Distances seemed to be considerable. **Figure 8 IKC-7** shows Roberta Rudnick, George Harlow, Tony Irving (the leader of the trip) and Rick Carlson preparing for lunch.



Figure 8 IKC-8 shows the delegates settling in for that meal. From L to R we have Carter Hearne, Norm Pearson, Stephen Buhre, Dorrit Jacob, Hugh O'Brian, Yann Lahaye, Bram Janse, Tony Irving, Rick Carlson and Roberta Rudnick.

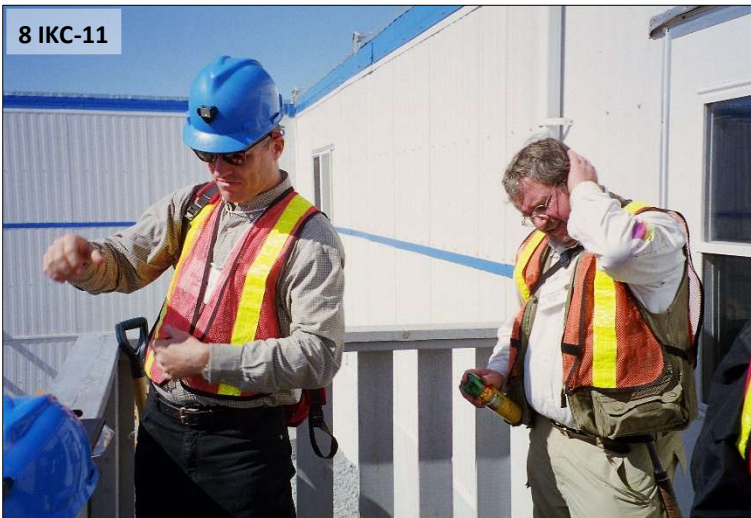


The obligatory group photograph is **Figure 8 IKC-9**. From L to R starting at the base of the photograph we have Phil Janney, and Thom McCandless. Then we have Carter Hearne, Felix Kaminsky, Bram Janse, Tony Irving, Dorrit Jacob and Hugh O'Brian. Next row is an Unknown besides George Harlow, Linda Hanley, Micheal Seitz, Roberta Rudnick, an Unknown and Rick Carlson. On the upper row sixth in is Stephan Buhre and Yann Lahaye is at the end of that row, in front of whom is Steven Cooper. The others are Unknowns.



The Slave fieldtrip considered below is the post conference one which started with a flight from Yellowknife to Snap Lake – see **Figure 8 IKC-10**.





On arrival, on goes the 'Deet' as protection against black flies and mosquitos, Thomas Stachel and Gerhard Brey leading the way, **Figure 8 IKC-11**.



Here the objective was to examine core samples. **Figure 8 IKC-12** shows Heidi Hoefler, Melissa Kirkley, Larry Heaman, Volker Lorenz and Thomas Stachel doing just that.

The next part of this fieldtrip was a flight to the Ekati mine. **Figure 8 IKC-13** shows the mined-out Panda kimberlite.



The kimberlite visited was Misery shown in **Figure 8 IKC-14**.



In **Figure 8 IKC-15** Heidi Hoffer and Larry Heaman discuss who has found the most important mineral specimen.

Lunch was provided in the core shed and John Gurney is seen tucking-in, **Figure 8 IKC-16**. Steve Richardson is seen in the background.



After leaving Diavik, **Figure 8 IKC-17**, the field trip moved on to the kimberlites of Mountain Lake and the Buffalo Head hills.



As occasionally happens on IKC fieldtrips the bus gets stuck and needs help to get it going, (**Figure 8 IKC-18**), but in this case the delegates had to walk as well, and the mud road was very sticky, **Figure 8 IKC-19**.



To get to the outcrops at Buffalo Head Hills helicopters were the means of transport and **Figure 8 IKC-20** shows Volker Lorenz and John Gurney settling in for the journey.



A typical outcrop in the Buffalo Head Hills is shown in **Figure 8 IKC-21**.



In **Figure 8 IKC-22** a discussion of the geology of the outcrop is given in spite of the fly/ mosquito infested locality.



And when the fieldtrip is over the leader relaxes with friends, **Figure 8 IKC-23**, Herb Helmstaedt, Roy Eccles, and John Armstrong.



Finally, we have Pierre Cartigny, Linda Tompkins, Peter Deines and Barry Dawson at a poster session during the Conference, **Figure 8 IKC-24**.

