

9th INTERNATIONAL KIMBERLITE CONFERENCE
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The 9IKC was held in Frankfurt, Germany, at the Johann Goethe University in that city. The IG Farben Building shown in **Figure 9 IKC-1** was the main venue.

On this occasion, and subsequent IKCs, there was a Conference photographer who documented the social and scientific events throughout the Conference. A compilation of this work, over 1000 images, was put together by Heidi Hoefler of that University and put on a 9IKC webpage.

Unfortunately, this webpage has been subsequently withdrawn. Had it been available, an idle or purposeful look at these pictures would illustrate the detailed work that goes into IK Conferences at the organisational and scientific levels, leading to a tremendous social interaction between the delegates during the Conference. An eclectic selection of pictures characterises the comments above. The group photo is shown in **Figure 9 IKC-2**.





Figure 9 IKC-3 shows Sabine Seitz and a team of helpers at an assistance desk on day one of the Conference.

The ice-breaker party was held in the Senckenberg Natural History Museum amid dinosaurs of different shapes and sizes. The following four pictures show delegates meeting up after a five-year absence.



Figure 9 IKC-4 has Nick Sobolev with Felix Kaminsky and Bram Janse. In the background is Barry Hawthorne and Charles Skinner.

Figure 9 IKC- 5 shows a more general scene with Anetta Banas, Oded Navon, Thomas Stachel and Yakov Weiss in the foreground.



Figure 9 IKC- 6 is of two South African delegates, Siyanda Dlodla and Gabisile Simelane, both of DeBeers and on their first conference.



Thomas Stachel and Anetta Banas are chatting with Pierre Cartigny in **Figure 9 IKC-7**.





As with earlier Conferences poster sessions are important, **Figure 9 IKC- 8** showing Ofra BenDavid explaining her studies on micro-inclusions in diamond to Karlis Muehlenbachs.

Midway through the Conference was the Apple Wine Dinner Party. **Figure 9 IKC- 9** shows some of the usual suspects, David Bell, George Read, Simon Shee, Oded Navon and Volker Lorenz in attendance.



In spite of these events the Conference was always well attended as shown in **Figure 9 IKC- 10**.



The obligatory **Figure 9 IKC- 11** is of those delegates who have attended all the Conferences or only missed one. Shown from L to R are Steve Haggerty, Volker Lorentz, Mike Skinner, Herb Helmstaedt, Barry Hawthorne, John Gurney, Barry Dawson, Bruce Wyatt, Jeff Harris, Mal McCallum, Barbara Scott-Smith, Bill Griffin, Roger Mitchell and Paddy Lawless.



The Conference dinner was held in a converted railway shed, known as the Bockenheimer Depot, **Figure 9 IKC- 12** showing the guests assembling. This event was extremely well organised as the pictures compiled by Heidi will show.

Figure 9 IKC- 13 is a general image of delegates preparing for a feast.



After the dinner a series of events culminated in who will have a volume of the proceeding named after them. The 9IKC chose four people shown in **Figure 9 IKC-14**, namely Jeff Harris, Nick Sobolev, Steve Haggerty, and John Gurney.



A principal fieldtrip was to examine the Ronda peridotite and the lamproites of Spain. After arriving in Murcia we visited the Calasparra/Salmeron lamproite volcanic centre shown in **Figure 9 IKC-15**.



Maya Kopylova, Lawrence Barron and Peter Nixen anticipating the climb in **Figure 9 IKC-16**.





A second centre was that at Cancarix, shown in **Figure 9 IKC- 17**, but the height of this lamproite was mitigated by a visit to a winery at Jumilla, **Figure 9 IKC- 18**.



Our good fortune continued as we stayed at the Leana Balneario Hotel, a well-known attraction where bath robes and bathing hats were part of room apparel. Just who decided to have a group photograph wearing these items in the field is uncertain, but **Figure 9 IKC- 19** shows that it happened. From L to R we have, front row Anetta Banas, Sam Pearson, Kimberley Webb, Roy Eccles, John McNeill, Lawrence Barron, Maya Kopylova. Those standing are an Uwe Naeher, Bruce Kjargaard, Margo Kingston (Boyd), Fernando Laiginhas, Geoff Nowell, Wayne Petit, Brent Jellicoe, Graham Pearson, Ruth Jellicoe, Michael McCubbing, Jeff Harris, Thomas Stachel, Mary Nixon, Manimala Muniswamy, an unknown, (Herb Helmstaedt?), Johanne Davies, Gareth Davies, Peter Nixon, Judith Coggon, Jane Barron, Akira Ishikawa, John Gurney, Cristiana Mircea, Maja Kiridzija.

After a hard 5th day climbing the Cabezo Maria lamproites, **Figure 9 IKC- 20** and **Figure 9 IKC-21**, the latter showing Bruce Kjarsgaard, Akira Ishikawa and Graham Pearson, the delegates were given a very excellent dinner entertained by flamingo dancers, **Figure 9 IKC- 22**, and wine that put a sparkle into the eyes of Anetta Banas, and John McNeill, **Figure 9 IKC- 23**.



There was time to visit the architectural marvel of the Alhambra in Grenada, **Figure 9 IKC- 24** and **Figure 9 IKC-25**, before the fieldtrip continued to the Ronda peridotite.



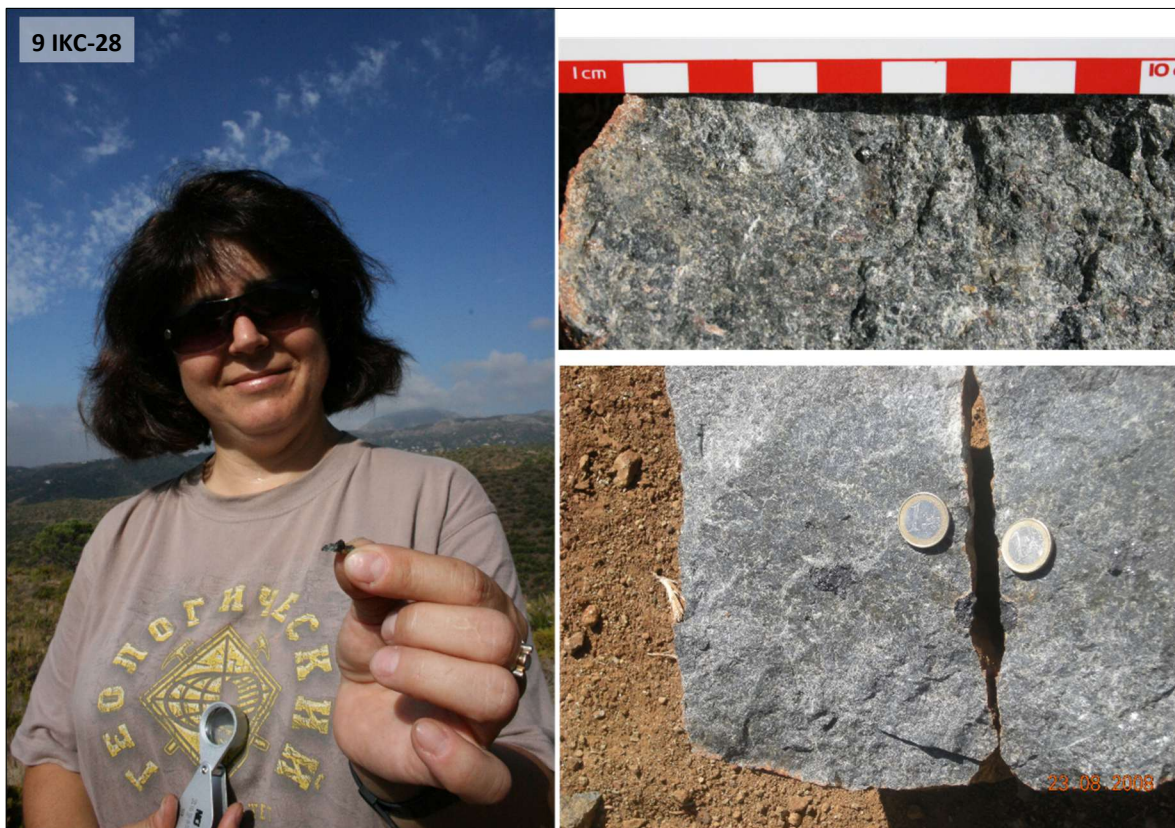
Figure 9 IKC- 26 shows the delegates at the Los Reales viewpoint on the Ronda massive.



The principal rock of interest is a 2m thick retrogressed graphitised diamond pyroxenite, the typical rock shown in **Figure 9 IKC- 27**.



Endeavour and a keen eye found graphite pseudomorphs after diamond as shown by Maya Kopylova and two other samples in **Figure 9 IKC- 28**.



After such hard work, the day finished with a final group photograph, **Figure 9 IKC- 29**, which on this occasion, the reader can work out who's-who.



A farewell dinner followed, **Figure 9 IKC- 30** and a relaxed evening was had by all, with Herb Helmstaedt and Kimberley Webb leading on the dance floor in **Figure 9 IKC- 31**.

