

Jean-Michel (JM) Rendu is a founder member of CRIRSCO, which started in 1992 as an ad-hoc International Committee of the CMMI. He qualified as a mining engineer at Ecole des Mines de Saint Etienne in France and a Doctor of Engineering Science at Columbia University in the City of New York. He then moved to South Africa where he acquired his expertise in geostatistics working for a South African Mining Group (Anglovaal) under the guidance of Prof Danie Krige. There he furthered his studies and met and married Karla after which they moved to the USA in the late 1970s. In addition to Anglovaal, he worked for the University of Wisconsin, Golder Associates, and Newmont from which he retired as a vice-president in the early 2000s.

A world-renowned geostatistician, JM is a private consultant and author of publications and books fundamental to the field of geostatistics.

In CRIRSCO he contributed to further the international standing and recognition of the organisation. He read papers on CRIRSCO at many international conferences and organised the Denver meeting and Washington Conference. JM also officially presented and defended the Geneva Accord at the UNECE General Assembly in Geneva in 1999.

He was instrumental in opening and maintaining a dialogue with the SEC on behalf of CRIRSCO and the international mining industry. This was done in order to promote the SEC awareness to the changing needs of the mining industry with respect to the reporting of mineral reserves and resources.

CRIRSCO will miss a reliable friend with a brilliant mind and his contribution and dedication to the organisation. The Board would like to wish him and Karla a peaceful and enjoyable retirement.

Ferdi Camisani.

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