

# CRIRSCO

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## Niall Weatherstone; Retiring Chairperson

June is rapidly approaching and Niall is dusting off his walking shoes and preparing to get to know his family again. It is therefore fitting that we should recognize the enormous contribution that Niall has made over many years to the world of Mineral Resource and Reserve Reporting. He was instrumental in the resurgence of CRIRSCO and served as the co-chair with Pat Stephenson. His guidance, leadership and tenacity during the last two years of his tenure as chairperson have enabled CRIRSCO to become the recognized representative of the Minerals Industry with regards to reporting of reserves and resources. Niall has led the charge on several important fronts where CRIRSCO has achieved remarkable success, and it is important that these are recognized and recorded:

- CRIRSCO has established a favorable relationship with the IASB to the extent that it is recognized as the spokesperson for matters concerning solid minerals;
- A sound relationship has been established with the SPE and other members of the oil and gas industry. An extremely important mapping exercise of the CRIRSCO template to the PRMS was completed in conjunction with the SPE;
- CRIRSCO was able to firmly stand its ground at the UNECE forums discussing the UNFC. The Solid Minerals Industry definitely punched well above its weight against an oil and gas centered group;
- Agreement was reached with the ICMC for funding a significant portion of CRIRSCO activities;
- Chile officially launched its reporting code which is based on the CRIRSCO Template;
- CRIRSCO signed a Protocol of Intentions with the Russian Federation expressing the way forward for the future relationship;
- The PERC code was published also based on the CRIRSCO template;
- Important relationships were formed with China, Mongolia, Peru and Philippines

Niall obviously had to give up a lot of his personal time and that of his family in order to attend to CRIRSCO matters to the extent that he did. He has in depth knowledge of all topics considered by CRIRSCO and has the ability to give eloquent comment on those topics when asked to, often with short or no notice.

I think we should also thank Niall's wife Elspeth for her support of a very busy man. Without that support there is no way Niall could have made the enormous contribution that he has to CRIRSCO.

Niall we thank you not only for what you have achieved with CRIRSCO but also for your valued friendship over many years.

We know that you will still be around and will be giving us guidance when we need it. You have earned a well deserved rest, slow down and enjoy it. We all wish you and Elspeth happiness and all the very best for the future

Roger Dixon

On behalf of the CRIRSCO Committee

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