



COMMITTEE FOR MINERAL RESERVES INTERNATIONAL REPORTING STANDARDS

CRIRSCO, the Committee for Mineral Reserves International Reporting Standards, held its Annual Meeting in Bogota, Colombia, from 20 November to 22 November, 2013.

The very successful Meeting was sponsored by a consortium of Colombian organisations, including the Ministry of Mines and Energy, Pedagogic and Technical University of Colombia (UPTC) and the Mining and Energy Planning Unit (UPME), Division of the Department of Mines and Energy. Their objective is to develop for Colombia a CRIRSCO compliant Code for the Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, with a Commission as a National Reporting organisation, along the lines of the Chilean Comision Minera.

The hosts were Ing Luis Alejandro Fonseca Paez, Dean of the Faculty of Mines at UPTC, and Ing Fredy Wilman Rojas Cruz from the Mining and Energy Planning Unit (UPME).

An Open Session of the Meeting was attended by delegates from Colombia, Argentina, Peru and Turkey, all countries intending to join the CRIRSCO family. The subjects discussed included developments in the Codes and Standards of the current seven Members of CRIRSCO; relationships with UNECE and ICMM; the developing practice of the extraction of marine resources; and the status of Code development in Brazil, China and Mongolia. A Report on this section of the Meeting will be available shortly.

As a result of the Meeting, it is likely that CRIRSCO will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Colombian organisations to cooperate in the development of a Code and the establishment of a National Reporting Organisation, so that Colombia would be able to join CRIRSCO.

CRIRSCO wishes to express its sincere gratitude to our hosts for the organisation of the Meeting, the superb facilities and their wonderful hospitality. It was indeed a most welcoming reception from a country which most of the representatives of NROs had not visited before. We also would like to gratefully acknowledge the assistance of ICMM to cover expenses of travel and accommodation associated with the visit.

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