



*6th International Conference  
on Mineralogy and Museums  
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Over the last 19 years, Mineralogy & Museums meetings have provided the opportunity for persons with interests in mineral collections, particularly museum staff members, to stay abreast of the latest developments in the areas of communications, exhibitions, computerization of collections, history of collections, and other pertinent topics. The M&M 6 Conference will address the areas of growth since the last conference, as well as new developments in mineral museums. The first conference took place in London in 1988, followed by Toronto in 1992, Budapest in 1996, Melbourne in 2000, and Paris in 2004.

The Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum is the most recently constructed mineral museum in the United States. Its design has recently received rave reviews in *The Mineralogical Record*. Occupying 16,000 square feet on two floors, its open and airy configuration showcases fine mineral specimens and artifacts from Colorado mining districts, including Leadville, Cripple Creek, Creede, Gilpin, the San Juans, and more. There are also abundant worldwide mineral specimens including spectacular recent donations from Marty Zinn, Bruce Oreck, and John Marshall. A replica uranium mine and other displays touching on Colorado's radioactive past, as well as meteorite and invertebrate paleontology displays, round out the exhibits.

The Denver Museum of Nature and Science (DMNS) is the fifth largest natural history museum in the United States. The DMNS offers varied programs in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, space science, zoology, anthropology, and health sciences. The original building was expanded in the early 1900's and several times since then. The dioramas, Prehistoric Journey, and mineral displays are outstanding. For information on the DMNS gem and mineral collection, [click here](#).

The next Conference will be held in Golden, Colorado in 2008 at the Colorado School of Mines. Golden is a western suburb of Denver, the capital city of Colorado