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INAP - The International Network for Acid Prevention

INAP was formed in 1998 by a number of international mining companies dedicated to reducing the liabilities associated with sulphide-bearing mine materials.

More recently, INAP has networked with other regional organizations including MEND, ADTI (Acid Drainage Technology Initiative) and ACMER (Australian Centre for Mining Environmental Research) under a global alliance. This partnership brings numerous benefits to all parties, including additional resources, minimization of research duplication, and worldwide links.



INAP promotes and facilitates acid drainage (AD) networking and research collaboration on an international level. INAP's mandates include:

Information Marketplace on AD Projects: INAP links companies with regional and international groups, helping to provide additional resources to key initiatives and minimizing research duplication.

Workshops: INAP provides a forum for discussion and helps to further identify research needs and opportunities. It also plays a major role in key global AD events, such as the International Conference on Acid Rock Drainage (ICARD).

Technology Transfer: INAP regularly distributes a newsletter describing INAP projects, partnership news, updates on research, AD events, etc.

INAP Web Site: The web site at www.inap.com.au provides access to INAP newsletters, workshops, publications, and ongoing research. Completed research reports, such as *Treatment of Sulphate in Mine Effluents* and *Rum Jungle Waste Rock Covers*, are available through this web site.

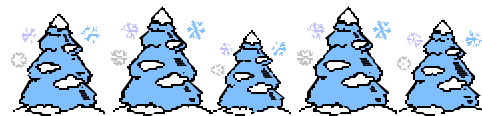
Events and Information

27th Annual British Columbia Mine Reclamation Symposium: The symposium was held in Kamloops, B.C., in September 2003. Approximately 100 delegates attended the four-day session primarily organized by the British Columbia Technical and Research Committee on Reclamation (TRCR). The conference included a short course on Biological Treatment Systems and a field trip to the Highland Valley Copper Mine. The two-day technical session covered a wide range of topics on post-closure efforts at a number of mines with a focus on sites where molybdenum is an issue. Information on how to order hard-copy proceedings is available from the TRCR web site at www.trcr.bc.ca.

NSERC Polytechnique – UQAT Industrial Chair on Environment and Mine Wastes Management:

The Chair was established in 2001 to develop geo-environmental tools and techniques aimed at an integrated management of solid and liquid wastes, including waste rock, tailings and treatment sludge. Research projects fall into two key project areas: the integrated management of wastes during mining operation, and the reclamation of potentially acid-generating sites upon closure. The Chair is supported by the federal agency NSERC, six mining companies, three consulting firms, and four Quebec provincial agencies. More than 30 people (professors, researchers, students, professionals from industry, etc.) are involved in its activities. Additional information can be found at the web site www.polymtl.ca/enviro-geremi, or can be obtained by contacting the Chairholders, Michel Aubertin at Michel.Aubertin@polymtl.ca and Bruno Bussière at Bruno.Bussiere@uqat.ca.

The MEND3 Steering Committee wishes everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2004.



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