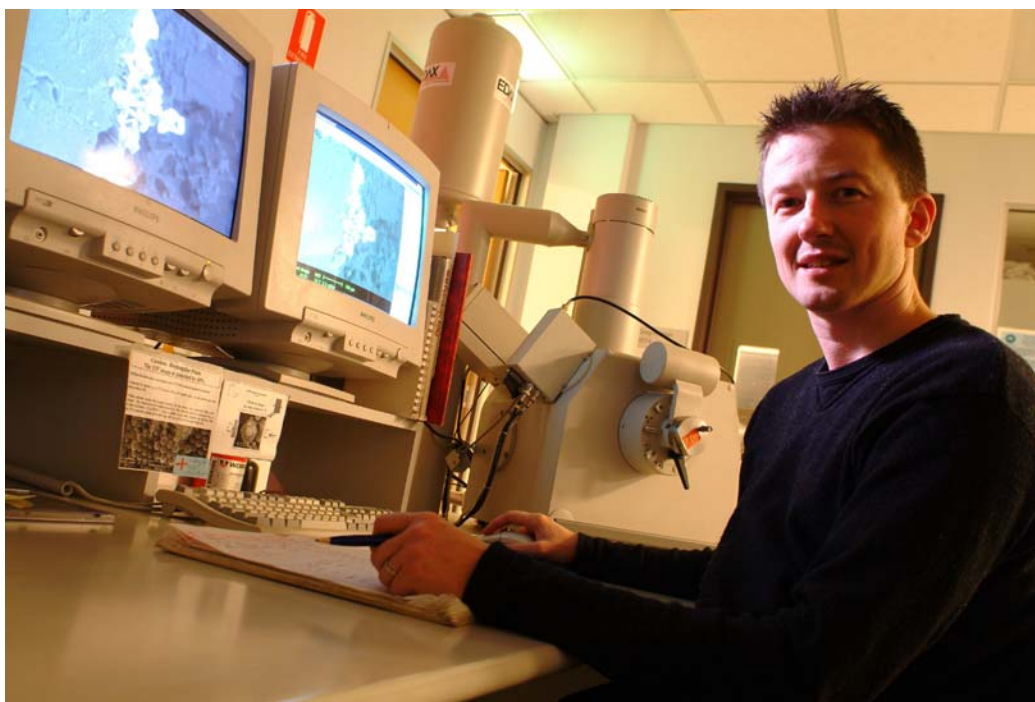


Senior Travel Bursary Report: Dr Rob Hough.

In June 2007 I travelled to Europe from Australia for the Joint Mineralogical Societies, Frontiers in Mineral Science meeting in Cambridge, UK and the IAGS (Applied Geochemistry) meeting in Oviedo, Spain.

The bursary contributed towards my flight from Australia and provided assistance for my attendance at both meetings which enabled me to present 2 oral presentations at each meeting, both in Oviedo and Cambridge. I also presented a further two poster presentations at the Frontiers meeting in Cambridge. The talks and posters were based on detailed studies of gold, both primary and secondary, including detailing a new occurrence of colloidal, nanoparticulate gold that attracted widespread attention and acclaim at both meetings. The meetings attracted a large number of international delegates and were an excellent opportunity to present recent results and to initiate new collaborations and networks with North American and European colleagues in the fields of mineral science and geochemistry.



While in the UK the bursary also facilitated a visit to London where I gave an invited talk on the new developments in gold research in Australia for the Earth Sciences Department at Imperial College.

I wish to convey my sincere thanks to the Mineralogical Society of GB and Ireland for their generous support without which I would not have been able to make the long journey to attend, what were both, excellent meetings.

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