



Dr. Peter K.M. Megaw, "The Silver Mineralogy of Mexico"

Mexico is the world's number one silver producer, historically and actually, having produced 25% of all the silver mined in human history. We'll examine the well known silver deposits of Mexico in their geologic and mineralogical context, to both understand why Mexico is so silver rich and to highlight the similarities between related deposits worldwide. The Silver Mineralogy* of Mexico story is profusely illustrated with images of silver minerals and their fellow ore and gangue species.

Dr. Peter K.M. Megaw Is a *Consulting Geologist* (PhD UofA) President of IMDEX/Cascabel and co-founder of MAG Silver and Minaurum Gold. Peter has been a dedicated mineral collector since first setting foot in Santa Eulalia in 1977. He moved to Tucson in 1979 and quickly joined the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, taking on the job of Exhibits Chair for the Tucson Show in 1984. This has given him the opportunity to visit most of the world's major mineral museums with a special eye out for what they should bring to Tucson. His mineral collecting has come to focus almost exclusively on Minerals of Mexico, and he has spoken and written extensively on specimen localities there; most recently in-depth articles for *Mineralogical Record* on the Santa Eulalia Mining District in Chihuahua, Mexico and Milpillas, Sonora (co-authored with Evan Jones). He is also a contributing editor for *Rocks and Minerals* and occasionally writes for *Mineralogical Monographs*. In his spare time, he collaborates on studies of silver isotopes in silver minerals, is Mindat's moderator for submissions on Mexico and co-moderator of the FMF Mineral Forum, often with tongue planted firmly in cheek. A combination of the above led him to be awarded the Carnegie Mineralogical Award for 2009.