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Sustainable Development of Mineral and Geoheritage Resources

Message from the Guest Editor

Geoheritage is the union of the study of geology as a science with recognition of the importance of geology to human society. One of the most important geological aspects to affect human civilization is mining. Some civilizations would not have existed were it not for the discovery and exploitation of significant ore bodies. Wars have been fought and won over the mineral wealth of a civilization. Thus, mining has affected human civilization and its development from the earliest of human times to today—from the Paleolithic to the present. Subjects of interest to the geoheritage of mining include: >Early stone tools as the first exploited resource >Bronze Age evolution towards “modern” mining > “Funding” wars in ancient Greece (Lavrion) > The “on and off” mining of mineral districts; discovery, exploitation, closure, re-opening as an endless loop >New needs and uses for minerals supplied by old mineral districts > “Paradigm” mineral districts and their effect on regional development and societies

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