Toronto, Canada (ABN Newswire) - The Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC), the leading voice of the mineral exploration and development community, hosted its annual PDAC International Convention on the 5th - 8th of March 2017. The world's largest industry event saw an increase in attendance this year, attracting over 24,161 attendees and raising its international attendance to 26%.

Outside of Canadian registrants, the largest number of attendees came from; the USA, Australia, Peru, United Kingdom, Brazil, China, Argentina, Germany, South Africa and Finland.

In line with its strategic plan to build stronger partnerships with Aboriginal communities, PDAC 2017 saw the attendance of over 500 self-identified aboriginals. PDAC 2017 also saw the attendance of 130 countries and approximately 1,256 students. For more PDAC 2017 statistics, please visit: http://www.abnnewswire.net/lnk/Z400JMWN

PDAC provided a fully packed center, offering attendees a wide variety of educational and investment based opportunities, provided Technical Sessions and Short Courses and delivered 472 speakers throughout the program.

"PDAC is an amazing networking opportunity, PDAC Convention is where the world's minerals industry and finance industry meets. You keep those bonds, you keep those friendships, you keep those networks throughout your entire career... PDAC brings people together so that they can learn from each other, they can form their networks at the highest level and ultimately, for the betterment of the industry and the countries and nations of which we operate "Andrew Cheatle, Executive Director - Prospectors & Developers Association Canada.

PDAC 2018 Convention

Save the date! PDAC 2018 will be held on 4th-7th March in Toronto, Canada.

For the most current information, please visit: http://www.abnnewswire.net/lnk/847U8862

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The Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) is the national voice of Canada's mineral exploration and development industry. With a membership of over 8,000, the PDAC's mission is to promote a responsible, vibrant and sustainable Canadian mineral exploration and development sector. The PDAC encourages leading practices in technical, environmental, safety and social performance in Canada and internationally. PDAC is known worldwide for its annual PDAC Convention, regarded as the premier event for mineral industry professionals.

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