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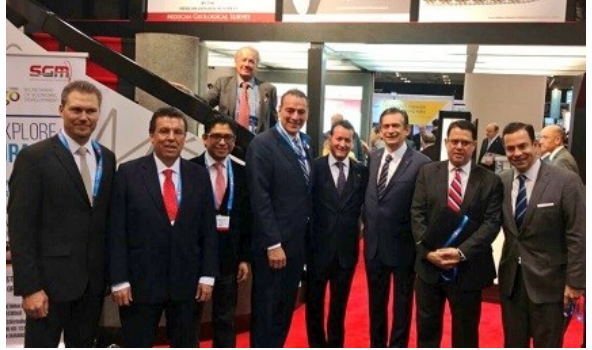
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MEXICO PARTICIPATES IN THE 2017 PDAC MINING CONVENTION AND TRADE SHOW

The 85th edition of the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Mining Convention and Trade Show was held in Toronto from March 5 to March 8, 2017.

The PDAC event is the world's biggest global gathering of explorers, developers, producers, marketers, investors and other professionals and experts associated with mining services. It has 8,000 members spread across all continents.



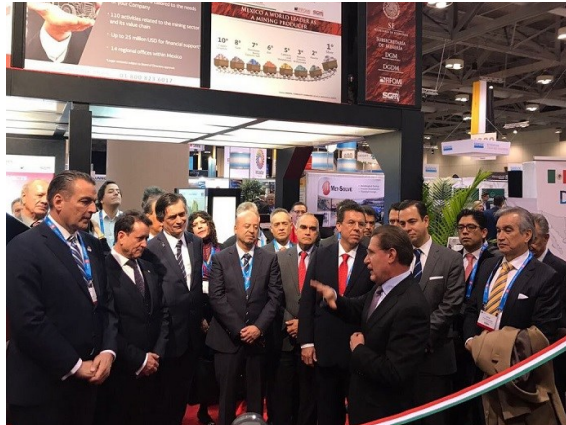
The Mexican delegation at this year's PDAC convention was led by the Mining Undersecretary Mario Cantú Suárez, and included ProMexico's General Director Paulo Carreño, National Security Commissioner Renato Sales Heredia, Mexican Ambassador to Canada Agustín García-López Loaeza, Consul General of Mexico in Toronto Porfirio Thierry Muñoz Ledo, the General Director of Mining Development at the Secretariat of Economy (SECON), Juan Jose Camacho López, and the Head of Mining at the Secretariat for Agricultural, Territorial and Urban Development (SEDATU), Ricardo López Pescador.

This year, the convention has 737 exhibitors and attracted more than 25,000 attendees from 118 countries, mainly from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Canada, China, Germany, France, Mexico, Peru, United States, United Kingdom and South Africa.

Mining represents 42% of direct Canadian investment in Mexico, and the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) was home to 57% of mining financial transactions worldwide in 2016.



Also attending the convention were Durango State Governor José Rosas Aispuro, and the Secretaries of Economic Development from the Mexican states of Durango, Guerrero, Hidalgo, and Sonora.



Mexican government officials, together with the Canadian Ambassador to Mexico, Pierre Alarie, and dozens of Mexican and Canadian mining executives, took part in the opening of the Mexican Pavilion, set up with the coordination of Mexico's Mining Undersecretary's Office, the Mining Promotion Fund (FIFOMI), the Office of Mining Development and the Office of Mines.

MEXICO MINING DAY SEMINAR AT PDAC 2017

On March 7, the Secretariat of Economy celebrated the seventh edition of the Mexico Mining Day seminar, the main purpose of which was to present Mexico's position in the global mining industry, as well as the investment opportunities existing in the Mexican mining sector.

Mexican Ambassador Agustín García López Loaeza and Canadian Ambassador Pierre Alarie both highlighted the close business and investment relations between the two countries, with special emphasis on the mining sector, as well as the challenges and issues that still need to be worked on, such as security, energy, and climate change.

Mexico's National Security Commissioner, Renato Sales Heredia, offered a keynote speech on the challenges and advances in the area of public security in Mexico to members of the mining industry.



The panel, made up of the Secretaries of Economic Development from the Mexican states of Durango, Guerrero, Hidalgo, and Sonora, discussed the economic outlook in their respective states and indicated that they would continue to support mining companies already operating in their states, as well as new companies interested in investing.

There were also a panel on which the CEOs of the main Canadian mining companies shared their experiences of business in our country, including the CEOs of Alamos Gold, Endeavour Silver, Torex Gold and Argonaut Gold. On another panel, the CEOs of Industria Peñoles, Autlán and AHMSA explained the opportunities in Mexico for investment in the mining sector.

The closing remarks were given by ProMexico's General Director, Paulo Carreño King, who noted the importance of mining to Mexico-Canada relations, and also highlighted the fact that Canada is the biggest investor in this sector in Mexico, with 70 percent of Direct Foreign Investment (DFI) and more than 200 Canadian companies participating in 942 mining projects."

During the conference, the presidents of the Guerrero Mining Cluster and the Sudbury Area Mining Supplies & Services Association (SAMSSA), Alfredo Phillips and Tom Palangio, signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen collaboration in the mining sector.

Source: Press Release SEGOB

GOVERNOR OF DURANGO VISITS TORONTO

On March 8, the Governor of the Mexican state of Durango, José Rosas Aispuro Torres, made a working visit to Toronto, where he held meetings with mining executives, participated in the opening of the Mexico stand at the PDAC Convention, and met with Mexican Ambassador to Canada Agustín García López, Consul General of Mexico in Toronto Porfirio Thierry Muñoz Ledo and ProMexico's representative Rodrigo Contreras at the offices of the Consulate General, where they discussed the details of the operation of the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAWP) and the possibility of promoting student exchanges with the state.

Source: Government of Durango, Press Release



MEXICAN VISUAL ARTIST GUSTAVO ARTIGAS, SPECIAL GUEST AT THE U OF T'S "EXPANSIVE ARTS: DIALOGUE AND CULTURAL PRODUCTION IN 21ST CENTURY MEXICO"

The second edition of the cycle of Mexican educational and cultural activities at the University of Toronto organized under the title "*Artes Expansivas: Diálogo y Producción Cultural en México/Siglo XXI*" ("Expansive Arts: Dialogue and Cultural Production in 21st Century Mexico") featured Mexican visual artist Gustavo Artigas, who ran the workshop "Art & Annulment" in the last week of February and offered the keynote speech "Override and Annulment" on March 1.

The workshop delivered by the artist was held from February 22 to 26 at the Institute for Creative Exchange (ICE), offering an interactive dialogue on the most significant aspects of his work in painting, sculpture, video, photography, and drawing. The keynote speech was given in the Jackman Humanities Building, where Artigas reviewed and explained the significance of an extensive portfolio of visual projects he has worked on since the beginning of the century.

Artigas is an innovative and creative visual artist. The works presented link play structures with notions of risk or disaster situations, thereby creating an environment friendly to the identity and originality of the human personality. His visual projects are constructed around the form of experience in complex contexts and related to social tension, human behaviour and rethinking moral boundaries under unusual conditions.

His work has been featured at the Biennial of the Americas,



as well as the Venice, Havana, Liverpool, Prague, Buenos Aires and Ural Biennials, and has earned him awards, grants and academic residencies around the world. He is a member of Mexico's National System of Creators of Art, and he currently teaches at the La Esmeralda School of Painting, Sculpture and Printmaking in Mexico City.

Gustavo Artigas was born in Mexico City on April 27, 1970. He studied at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and his work is on display at the Colección Jumex museum, Museo de Arte Carrillo Gil, the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, the Addison Collection in Denver and the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art.

CONSUL GENERAL OF MEXICO PORFIRIO THIERRY MUÑOZ LEDO MEETS WITH ONTARIO EDUCATION MINISTER MITZIE HUNTER

On March 20, the Consul General of Mexico Porfirio Thierry Muñoz Ledo met with Ontario's Minister of Education, Mitzie Hunter.

The purpose of the work meeting was to discuss the conditions of students enrolled in the province's elementary education system, offer Consulate support to address vulnerabilities affecting the Mexican community, and explore new possibilities for cooperation in the area of student and teacher mobility.

The meeting addressed various issues related to the situation of Mexican students in the Canadian education system and the possibility of promoting Spanish language learning and academic exchanges between Mexican and Canadian teachers.

Minister Hunter stressed the importance of quality, inclusion, and equity in the Canadian public education system, as well as the provincial government's priority to offer greater educational opportunities, to close gaps in academic achievement, and to reduce school dropout rates.



The minister also explained that early childhood education constitutes one of the signature programs of the current government for promoting early integration into the school system.

2016 TAX RETURN SEASON FOR MEXICAN AGRICULTURAL WORKERS IN CANADA

Every year, the members of the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program (SAWP) are required to file a tax return in Canada in accordance with the regulations established for temporary workers by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Workers can choose their preferred accountant or agency to complete their tax returns, and to this end they should inform their employers where they want them to send their T4 slip, which is an indispensable requirement for the chosen accountant to be able to file the tax return on the worker's behalf.

Tax returns for Mexicans, and particularly for temporary workers in Canada, are different from returns filed by permanent residents and Canadian citizens. The person completing the worker's return must follow the correct guidelines when preparing it, as otherwise workers might end up receiving a benefit to which they are not actually entitled.

It is important to note that SAWP workers can contact the person who will prepare their tax return at the end of their work season, before returning to Mexico, and that person must file the return on behalf of the worker by April 30 the following year, upon receipt of the worker's T4, slip if the



worker has requested parental, maternity or compassionate care assistance.

The Consulate General has a toll-free line (1-888-351-2690) answered by the consulate staff from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. After office hours, weekends and holidays there is an emergency number (416-716-0931).

GLOBAL NETWORK OF MEXICANS HOLDS A FORUM ON “BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN MEXICO AND CANADA”

The Global Network of Mexicans-Toronto Chapter, with the support of the Consulate General and the Mexican Embassy in Canada, organized the forum Building Bridges between Mexico and Canada, held at the University of Toronto on March 8.

The forum was supported by Mexican community organizations such as the Confederation of Mexican Graduate Students & Researchers in Canada (CEIMEXCAN), 10,000 Mujeres por México, EXATEC Ontario, Skills for Change, and the Global Network of Mexican - Ottawa and Toronto Chapter.

The words of welcome were given by the President of the Toronto Chapter of Red Global MX, Cinthya Ortiz, and the Consulate General's Cultural Affairs Attaché, Natalia López



Sosa, both of whom stressed that the main objective of the forum is to help connect Mexican professionals and entrepreneurs living in Ontario with Canadian government agencies, universities, and businesses.



The program included a series of talks given by different members of the Mexican community, addressing issues as diverse as financial education, starting a business, effective communication, social networks, social responsibility, science, creative innovation and art, among others.

It also featured the presentation of the photography exhibition “Building Bridges, Not Walls” together with the talk “Breaking Down Walls through Creativity” given by the founder of Toronto's Institute for Creative Exchange, Ximena Berecochea.

CULTURAL EVENTS

Power Ball XIX: Stereo Vision Project

On March 29, the Power Plant Art Gallery announced the names of the artists who will take part in the Power Ball XIX: Stereo Vision project, to take place in June 2017.

The Mexican collective Pedro & Juana will take part in the architectural project and will design the set with the support of Mexican artists and architects based in Toronto, with the aim of presenting contemporary Mexican art in the set design.

The collective was founded in Mexico City by Ana Paula Ruiz Galindo and Mecky Reuss and has exhibited at the Chicago Architecture Biennial, in Mexico's Jumex Museum, and in the Casa Ex-Colonial in Mérida, Yucatán.

Learn more about the collective's work at <http://pedroyjuana.com/>

<http://www.thepowerplant.org/ProgramsEvents/Events/Power-Ball/Power-Ball-XIX--Stereo->



MEXICO'S PARTICIPATION IN DOCUMENTARY FESTIVALS IN TORONTO

TIFF Kids International Film Festival

A Hole—El Agujero

<http://www.tiff.net/films/a-hole/>

8, 14, 16 y 22 de abril

Diversos horarios de la programación de *Reel Rascals Senior: Pack Your Bags!*

Chalk

<http://www.tiff.net/films/chalk/>

10, 13, 14 y 16 de abril

Diversos horarios en la programación *The Heart of Matters*



Hot Docs Documentary Festival

The World in a Corner

La Esquina del Mundo

**30 de abril, 6:15PM TIFF Bell Lightbox
1 de mayo, 1:15PM Scotiabank Theatre
7 de mayo, 8:30PM TIFF Bell Lightbox**

Devil's Freedom

La libertad del diablo

**28 de abril, 8:30 PM Scotiabank Theatre
29 de abril, 12:30 PM Hart House
5 de mayo, 6:00 PM Innis Town Hall**



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The Consul General is empowered to act as a Mexican notary public, and is therefore able to issue powers of attorney with legal validity in Mexico. Any person or company located in Ontario or Manitoba may submit a power of attorney for the appointment of a person to act on their behalf in a lawsuit, in the administration of a business or in the purchase or sale of goods in Mexico.

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(1-877-639 4835).

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ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION (eTA) FOR MEXICAN TRAVELERS

Mexican visitors who travel to Canada either to enter the country or to transit to another destination, will only need to complete an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA).

The eTA must be applied for at least 3 days prior to travel from the following Canadian government website: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-how.asp>



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¡Es muy sencillo! Ingresa a la página www.Canada.ca/eTA y completa el formulario.

Recuerda que puedes ingresar desde cualquier computadora o dispositivo móvil, sólo necesitas:

- Tu pasaporte vigente
- Una tarjeta de crédito, no débito (el costo de la eTA es de 7 dólares canadienses)
- Un correo electrónico

USEFUL LINKS

- Presidency of Mexico: presidencia.gob.mx
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: sre.gob.mx
- Mexican Embassy in Canada: embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada/
- ProMexico promexico.gob.mx
- Mexico Tourism Board: visitmexico.com
- Mexican National Council for Culture and the Arts: conaculta.gob.mx; ecultura.gob.mx
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico: cancham.mx
- Mexico-Canada: <http://mexcan.sre.gob.mx/>
- Visas and consular services: consulmex.com
- Mexican restaurants in Toronto & GTA [[click here](#)]
- MEXITEL
1-877-639-4835
<https://mexitel.sre.gob.mx/citas>

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<http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/toronto/index.php/es/visas>

For fees and payment: <http://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/toronto/index.php/es/fees>

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