

Dagblad Suriname Thursday, February 21, 2019

<http://www.dbsuriname.com/dbsuriname/index.php/wong-suriname-weet-heel-weinig-over-eigen-deel-guyanaschild/>

Wong: "Suriname knows very little about its part of the Guyana Shield "

20-02- 2019



Suriname currently knows very little about its part of the Guiana Shield. The knowledge is more in the big mining companies, such as Newmont and lamgold. According to geologist Theo Wong, art is now in the process of gathering all this knowledge and producing a good image of how the geology of Suriname works. "Actually, the companies are obliged to hand over their data to the Geological Mining Service (GMD). But if you do not have experts at GMD, they cannot do anything with it. We are now working on this: getting the data free and training staff ", says Wong.

The Ministry of Natural Resources organizes in cooperation with Professor Theo Wong of the Anton de Kom University of Suriname (AdeKUS) and the Australian organization, Australian Mineral Industries Research Association (AMIRA), the 11th Inter Guiana Geological Conference in Paramaribo. This conference will take place on 19 and 20 February 2019 in Hotel Torarica.

The conference focuses specifically on the geology of the Guiana Shield. This shield includes several countries, such as Suriname, Guyana, French Guiana, Venezuela, Brazil.

After 43 years it was yesterday for the first time that this conference was held. Suriname had promised to organize the next conference at the last conference in the nineties. It has not happened before, because of the economic situation of the country.

"We had no money to conduct research. This kind of research is costly. The GMD has been able to do research for years when there was enough money. They have made a beautiful card. They discovered the bauxite of West Suriname and the oil of Saramacca, "Wong says. It then went downhill. Now it is the university that has taken up the research in collaboration with the GMD. However, it is now the university that offers the expertise.

According to Wong, there is a moment in which the country of Suriname must also take initiatives itself to promote, develop and manage the mining industry. "Just think about issuing concessions. Not everyone should go to mine, "Wong says.

In particular, the new geological data must help prevent the unnecessary issuing of concessions, allowing miners to work in a more targeted manner.

GFC Nieuws

<https://gfcnieuws.com/11e-inter-guiana-geological-conference-in-paramaribo/>

11th Inter Guiana Geological Conference in Paramaribo



The Geological Mining Service (GMD) of the Ministry of Natural Resources organizes in collaboration with Professor Theo Wong of the Anton de Kom University of Suriname (ADEKUS) and the Australian organization, Australian Mineral Industries Research Association (AMIRA), the 11th Inter Guiana Geological Conference in Paramaribo.

This conference takes place on 19 and 20 February and is an important international conference on the geology of the Guiana Shield.

AMIRA is a non-profit organization that carries out targeted scientific research for the benefit of the connected mining companies and government institutions.

Approximately one hundred participants from more than ten countries are expected. At the conference, exchange of geological knowledge between the participants will be central in the form of oral presentations and poster sessions.

In addition to presentations by foreign specialists, lecturers, MSc and PhD students from the ADEKUS Department of Geosciences will also present a lecture or a poster about their research. The conference is dedicated to it

SAXI program, AMIRA's South American Exploration Initiative. The program aims to support geological research by universities, government departments and mining companies in the Guianaschild through scholarships to MSc and PhD students and other forms of sponsoring.

It is expected that this will lead to finding new mineral resources. For Suriname, it also means a huge opportunity to increase the geological knowledge of the country. In the same way, AMIRA has been supporting a similar program for 12 years in 12 countries in West Africa, particularly in the gold areas that mirror the gold areas in the Guianas Shield.

Suriname has been invited to organize this conference because of the high level of geological knowledge in the country, the recent completion of a new geological map and the excellent training facilities for young geologists. Moreover, this conference is the eleventh in a series of Guianaschild conferences, which started on Surinam's initiative in 1950.

STVS

<http://stvs.sr/11e-inter-guiana-geological-conference-in-paramaribo/>

11th Inter Guiana Geological Conference in Paramaribo



Friday 15 February 2019 - The Geological Mining Service (GMD) of the Ministry of Natural Resources organizes in cooperation with Professor Theo Wong of the Anton de Kom University of Suriname (ADEKUS) and the Australian organization, Australian Mineral Industries Research Association (AMIRA), the 11th Inter Guiana Geological Conference in Paramaribo. This conference takes place on 19 and 20 February 2019 in the Torarica hotel and is an important international conference on the geology of the Guiana Shield.

AMIRA is a non-profit organization that carries out targeted scientific research for the benefit of the connected mining companies and government institutions.

Approximately one hundred participants from more than ten countries are expected. At the conference, exchange of geological knowledge between the participants will be central in the form of oral presentations and poster sessions. In addition to presentations by foreign specialists, lecturers, MSc and PhD students from the ADEKUS Department of Geosciences will also present a lecture or a poster about their research. The conference is dedicated to the SAXI program, the South American Exploration Initiative by AMIRA.

The SAXI program aims to support geological research by universities, government departments and mining companies in the Guiana shield through scholarships to MSc and PhD students and other forms of sponsoring. It is expected that this will lead to finding new mineral resources. For Suriname, it also means a huge opportunity to increase the geological knowledge of the country. In the same way, AMIRA has been supporting a similar program for 12 years in 12 countries in West Africa, particularly in the gold areas that mirror those in the Guianas Shield. Suriname has been invited to organize this conference because of the high level of geological knowledge in the country, the recent completion of a new geological map and the excellent training facilities for young geologists. Moreover, this conference is the eleventh in a series of Guianaschild conferences, which started on Surinam's initiative in 1950. For more information, please refer to: <https://tinyurl.com/saxiconf>

You can also email Ms. Reenuska Mahabier for additional information at the email address: reenuska.a.mahabier@gmail.com and Professor Theo Wong at: theoewong@yahoo.co.uk

-Source: *MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES-*

20/02/2019 18:13 - [Wilfred Leeuwin](#)



According to Minister Regilio Dodson of Natural Resources, there will be a mineral institute for inventory of all minerals in the Guyana shield. **Photo: dWT Archive**

PARAMARIBO - With a detailed study of the 'Guianashield' (Guyana shield), formed by Brazil, Columbia, French Guiana, Guyana, Suriname and Venezuela, the economic value of minerals that occur in each of the countries must be recorded. For Suriname this study will mean a transformation for the mineral policy.

The Geological Mining Service (GMD) will no longer be a government agency that mainly deals with issuing concessions, but will be linked to a mineral institute. Both Minister Regilio Dodson of Natural Resources and Professor Theo Wong of the Anton de Kom University believe that our country should have an institute with sufficient knowledge about the Guyana shield.

This allows better policy to be made for the mining industry. The 11th, two-day International Guyana Geological Conference started Monday at the Torarica hotel. The penultimate was in 1972 in Brazil. The countries of the Guyana shield have decided that it is now time to find out exactly which minerals, where, in what quantities and formations, occur, how to recognize them and what the value is.

"We know very little about the shield ourselves, but the knowledge and information is in the hands of large multinationals who have done detailed studies and are therefore often in a better negotiating position, even though they are actually obliged to hand over the data to, for example, the GMD. who do not do anything about it or judge it properly if it does not have any knowledge in-house ", says Wong initiator of the conference.

Dodson says that a great plan is linked to the study of the Guyana shield. Master students and geologists have done studies and collected them in a book. These data are presented at the conference with those from geologists from other countries.

Subsequently, a cooperation protocol will be signed between the countries, to which a work schedule and work plan will be added. A map must be produced for, among other things, Suriname on which the mineral reserves are indicated.

Suriname works with international donors, such as the World Bank, to set up a mineral institute, based on the model of a knowledge center that knows exactly what, where and how many minerals are in the shell.

The GMD will undergo a transformation and will be linked to the institute. According to the minister, the issue of concessions must, among other things, be subject to conditions and criteria than has been the case up to now. The constant discussion about the role of mining as the main culprit for causing damage to the environment must be included in the plan.