

DICK SILLITOE



The SMEDG Committee is delighted that Dr Richard Sillitoe has accepted our invitation to be the Keynote Speaker at the SMEDG Golden Jubilee Conference and Dinner on 25th August next year.

Dick is a renowned consultant economic geologist who has led the development of the understanding of porphyry Cu-Au and epithermal Au deposits around the world, directly resulting in many discoveries. Since 1971 he has consulted for more than 300 companies and over 11 international governments and agencies - working in over 100 countries. He has written over 130 technical papers – including 41 in “*Economic Geology*”.

His 2010 overview paper on porphyry copper deposits is the most cited paper in “*Economic Geology*”, and in 2012 the Society of Economic Geologists produced Special Publication No. 16 titled “*The Geology and Genesis of Major Copper Deposits and Districts of the World: A Tribute to Richard H. Sillitoe*”.

Dick is very generous with his time - he has spoken at over 100 international conferences, and has given more than 50 lectures at universities and geological surveys around the world. In 1999 he was elected as the first President of the Society of Economic Geologists who was not American. Dick won the Society’s *Waldemar Lindgren Award* in 1975, the *Silver Medal* in 2002, and the *Penrose Gold Medal* in 2015. He has won many other international awards and honours, including the *Haddon Forrester King Medal* of the Australian Academy of Science in 1995.

Dick has been a good friend of SMEDG for many years, having first presented at a SMEDG meeting in the 1980’s, and he was the Keynote Speaker at our South American Symposium in the 1990’s.