

Students participate in many ways

The 2010 PDAC International Convention will be offering students a host of opportunities to help them get started in their careers.

Prior to the convention, Behre Dolbear is sponsoring four post-secondary students to attend a two-day course on the ABCs of Mining. This is the second year that Behre Dolbear has offered the course, which is open to students from across Canada. This year Alyne Lalonde from Laurentian University, Neil Fernandes from the University of Alberta, Melissa Anderson from Brandon University and Paul Medici from Queen's University will be attending the course.

During the convention itself, five industry leaders will participate in an information seminar for students and recent graduates. They are Tony Green, president of Grenvyn Consulting Inc.; Martha Roberts, manager of research sector studies at the Mining Industry Human Resources Council; Michael Doggett, president of HanOcci Group; Bill Mercer, vice president of exploration at Avalon Rare Metals Inc. and Elaine Ellingham, president of Ellingham Consulting.

In addition to seminars, the convention offers students several other career-enhancing opportunities.

There is the annual student-industry networking luncheon, where students can mingle informally with industry representatives. And there are tours of the Investors Exchange and Trade Show floors, where students will be able to hand out their resumés and meet one-on-one with managers.

Students can also volunteer as convention ambassadors in exchange for free convention registration and a free luncheon ticket. Their responsibilities include helping delegates to navigate the crowded corridors of the convention and its many events.

Beyond the convention walls, the Royal Ontario Museum is inviting 25 students to tour its newly opened Gem and Gold Room in the Teck Suite of Mineral Galleries.