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## **ABSTRACT**

This course is aimed at professionals and students interested in the interpretation of geochemistry (mineralogy) of hydrothermal systems, and the practical application of geochemistry to mineral exploration.

#### I) Introduction to the subject

- a) Geochemical reactions reflections of mineral associations and balance (or not) of the hydrothermal system.
- b) Use (and abuse) of activity diagrams

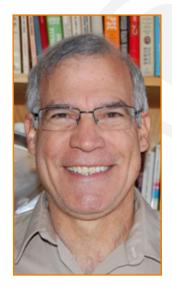
#### II) Examples of geochemistry applied to alteration-mineralization

- a) Cu-Mo +/- Au porphyry
  - i) The deep environment "late-magmatic" and constructive alteration (K, Ca-Na)
  - ii) Overlapping of alteration associations: destructive alteration and reorganization (redistribution) of minerals.
  - iii) Late effects and geochemical surprises
- b) Low and High Sulfidation Epithermal Systems
  - i) Transition: porphyry environments epithermal "Cordilleran" type veins
  - ii) Destructive alteration advanced argillic and mineral paragenesis
  - iii) Low sulfidation systems geochemical changes
  - iv) "Cordilleran" veins transition to epithermal veins?

#### III) Conclusions and Discussion

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