

## Inaugural Craig Oliver Award presented at the RIU Explorers Conference...

Kicking off 2011 with a bang was the RIU Explorers Conference, held on 22 & 23 February at the Esplanade Hotel Fremantle. With an all time record number of attendees, this conference was well received by participants and delegates alike.

What made this year's event, however, was the presentation of the inaugural Craig Oliver Award – in memory of the Sundance Resources Ltd CFO, Craig Oliver, who perished along with five other colleagues in a plane crash in the Republic of Congo last year.

The accolade recognised an all-round small to mid-cap Australian mining company, which has excelled in several areas over the year including exploration, mining, corporate, market results, environment and community either within Australia or offshore.

The shocked and humbled recipient of this year's award was Chris Bonwick, Managing Director of Independence Group NL; taking out the award amongst a strong field of short-listed companies, including Sandfire Resources NL, Magma Metals Ltd, Northern Star Resources Ltd, Southern Gold Ltd, Silver Lake Resources Ltd, Beadell Resources Ltd and Tanami Gold NL.



### Vancouver Resource Investment

Doug Bowie represented Vertical Events at the Cambridge House Vancouver Resource Investment Conference at the beginning of the year, which hosted up to 10,000 investors and 300 exhibition booths. The conference was a highly successful event as it is considered one of the best retail investment events in the world.

Vertical Events is now an agent for the Cambridge House events and will host an Australian Pavilion and conference session(s) at the Vancouver Resource Investment Conference in 2012. If you are interested in getting involved in this event or any other Cambridge House event please contact Doug Bowie via email [doug@verticalevents.com.au](mailto:doug@verticalevents.com.au).

### PDAC 2011

The Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) 2011 conference was the biggest yet, with over 27,000 delegates cramming the corridors of the Toronto Convention Centre.

Australia was well represented with some 200 mining and service companies attending as well as most Governments of Australia. This event was a hard slog, with busy days and hectic nights at the Royal York, but was rewarding for those companies that can last the distance.

Vertical Events and Resource Information Unit (RIU) look forward to returning in 2012, flying the flag for all back home.

### Australian Copper Conference

Over 400 delegates from the investor and copper community gathered at the Sofitel Brisbane on March 23 & 24 to hear the latest news from the world of copper and those who explore for and produce it.

Of the 38 presentations there was a strong focus on the growth of copper as a commodity over the past few years and into the future. Presenters also discussed logistical and marketing issues involving the copper industry that should be of interest to investors and industry participants.

Having only now concluded its second event, the Australian Copper Conference looks to be one of great interest and excitement for the copper community for years to come.

### Leading Mining and Exploration Investment Conference - RIU Sydney Resources Round-up

The RIU Sydney Resources Round-up, being held at the Sofitel Sydney Wentworth on 11, 12 & 13 May, appears to be moving from strength to strength with an overwhelming number of interested participants for this year's event.

With the programme filled in record time and with the inclusion of additional exhibition space, this three day event is looking to be another great success for investor networks, brokers and financial institutions as well as the presenting and exhibiting companies.

To view the programme and register online to attend, please visit [www.verticalevents.com.au](http://www.verticalevents.com.au) and follow the links to the conference page.

### Gold Coast Resources Showcase to take over Sheraton Mirage Resort & Spa

Investors are coming in thick and fast to be a part of this year's Gold Coast Resources Showcase, being held on 16 & 17 June at the Sheraton Mirage Resort and Spa, Gold Coast, Queensland.

With the unrivalled opportunity to not only listen to Australian listed companies' stories and projections, but also have a one-on-one interface with the managers of these junior to mid-cap resource companies, this event is one not to be missed by those wishing to gain a personal and in depth understanding of the industry.

This event is free to attend for all delegates. If you are interested in attending this event please contact Prue McPharlin via email [prue@verticalevents.com.au](mailto:prue@verticalevents.com.au).

