

Mines and Money World Mining Conference review

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The first main issue for me was that the entire conference calendar was running in Brisbane time, so you not only had to calculate your time against Brisbane time, +9 hours in my

case, but also the time zone where the person you would be connecting with is located, which in the case of Vancouver is -8 hours, so a 17 hour difference to Brisbane time.

I emailed Mines and Money and asked why they couldn't use 6 time zones, 2 in Australia, 2 in Europe, and 2 in Canada, and they replied that they had not had time to develop that. Halfway through the conference they did change it, without telling anyone, and I nearly missed a meeting as a result! You would thought a quick email might have given us all a heads up it had changed?

There were issues with the video links, and one company emailed me a zoom link instead of using the conference software as they were having so many connectivity issues.

There were certainly some gremlins around as three of my calls were lost or interrupted by software issues, screen freezing, line dropping etc. Speaking to people as my meetings progressed, it was apparent there were some connectivity issues with lines dropping out mid presentation, but it was sometimes possible to quickly reconnect the call.

I met some good companies, and am deciding where to invest my spare funds.

Companies that caught my eye included, [Probe Metals \(TSX: PRB\)](#), [Mako Gold \(ASX: MKG\)](#), [Alice Queen \(ASX: AQX\)](#), and [Anaconda Mining \(TSX: ANX\)](#).

I also had very positive catchups with Tim Warman of [Fiore Gold](#), and Philippe Cloutier of [Cartier Resources](#).

In conclusion, was pleased I attended the conference, the technical bugs were minor, and I met some good new companies which I am currently having a closer look at. I still think trying to run a 24/7 global conference is challenging, and maybe a step too far?

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